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CASH IS AT MERCY OF FUTURE BUDGETS

Pride in Barry group fears £9m regeneration funds might suffer a cut

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE Chairman of Pride in Barry has said he is concerned that the £9million worth of regeneration funds that the town was promised might be cut.

Earlier this year, the town was designated as one of Wales' strategic regeneration areas, which meant it would receive special investment, but Paul Haley has claimed that the silence on how the money might be spent could herald 'top slicing' – a reduction of the figure.

Pride in Barry is also concerned that a vital partnership body, the Barry Regeneration Board, has been scrapped.

Mr Haley explained: "Pride in Barry campaigned vigorously for four years to get the money, but it is very disappointing that now we have got it, the regeneration board has been disbanded by the Vale Council.

"It means there is no community input now into local regeneration.

"Pride in Barry has been the only organisation over the years which has provided continuity in the process of local regeneration, but we are still willing to be involved."

Mr Haley said that hitherto, Pride in Barry had been informed of local developments by the council, but recently he had relied on The GEM for information – the latest instance being news of the external renovation of the Pumphouse.

The successful campaign by Pride in Barry to get extra funds for the town involved arguing its case before Welsh Assembly committees, but the organisation now appears 'out in the cold' with an Assembly strategic board considering how regeneration should proceed, and what is required in the town.

Mr Haley explained that earlier in the year, when the announcement was made that the town was going to get funds, it was great news for the second stage of the Waterfront, with the prospect of community facilities for local people.

A lack of transparency in how things are progressing has raised concerns in his mind.

"We are also trying to establish whether in the current climate the £9million is safe.

"The Assembly has made £27.5million from the sale of land at the Waterfront. We originally asked for £20million over a ten-year period.

"The £9million is a reduction on what Barry was due – we don't want to see that figure 'top sliced', it would effectively be a second cut on what the town should have."

Rob Quick, director of environmental and economic development at the Vale Council, said: "The Barry Regeneration Partnership Board was wound up a few months ago, in light of the decision by the Welsh Assembly Government to establish a regeneration area (RA) in Barry.

"The setting up of the RA will bring with it its own board, and the opportunity for Pride in Barry and other organisations to fully participate in regeneration issues in the area.

"WAG is currently organising the first meeting of the board, which is due to take place on July 14.

"In terms of the £9m of investment from WAG under the RA designation there has been no suggestion that this amount is to be reduced and the need is clearly there in terms of regeneration priorities in Barry. In particular, there is a continuing need to ensure the continuity of funding in the area, which has not been delivered in the past."

The GEM approached the Assembly, and it appeared Mr Haley's fears on funding could be well founded.

A spokeswoman for the Welsh Assembly explained that the full £9million was dependent on future budget settlements from London.

The spokeswoman said: *"We are committed to the Barry regeneration area and are making plans for the first regeneration board meeting, which will be held shortly.*

"Funding of £3million for this financial year has been committed and we hope to honour our commitment of £9million funding for the Barry regeneration area over the next three years – subject to budget settlements from the UK Government."

The Flying Vet's silence in court means he is back in prison

by AJ SICLUNA

MAURICE KIRK, the 'Vale Flying Vet' is again behind bars in a prison cell.

Last week, the 64-year-old appeared in person at Cardiff Crown Court and successfully applied for medical records to be released to him.

When the hearing ended, the Recorder of Cardiff, Judge Nicholas Cooke QC, rose and went to leave Court Number One.

Mr Kirk shouted that he had other matters to raise, and at that point picked up a heavy plastic file, secured with metal rings, and threw it towards the judge's bench.

It missed the court associate by an inch, before landing near the judge.

Mr Kirk was immediately arrested and taken to the court cells.

Six hours later, he appeared before Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones QC and was jailed for 28 days for contempt of court.

On Tuesday (June 29), he appeared in the high-security Court Number Five in a dock which has bullet-proof glass, to apologise for his actions.

Mr Kirk, dressed smartly in a suit and bow tie, was flanked by two security officers.

The woman associate asked him: "Are you Maurice Kirk?" He turned his head to the left and said nothing. She asked the question a second time and the response was the same.

At this point, the judge intervened and asked: "Are you going to answer?"

Mr Kirk made no reply and the judge ordered that he be taken back into custody to serve the remainder of his sentence.

Earlier this year, Mr Kirk was found not guilty of possessing, selling or transferring a prohibited weapon, a Lewis machine gun.

He was also cleared of a charge of possessing the weapon, which was nearly 100 years old.

Twice during that hearing, Mr Kirk had to be forcibly carried to the cells by dock officers.

Gavin and Stacey bus tour launched

THE first official Gavin and Stacey bus tour is being launched on July 10 at the home of the show, Barry Island.

Run by 'Brit Movie Tours', and endorsed by the Vale Council and the show's producers Baby Cow Productions, the tour – using the authentic 'Dave's Coach' – will allow fans to see the key filming locations that were used across the county.

A Vale spokeswoman said: "There will be two types of tour – one that will bring fans to south Wales from London, and one that will start and end in Barry."

BUS WOMAN'S PURSE APPEAL

A Barry woman has appealed for her purse, which was lost on a trip to Penarth, to be returned because it contains items of a sentimental nature.

The woman, who does not wish to be named, said: "I caught the number 88 bus to Penarth on the Monday afternoon of June 21. I left a bag on the bus with my purse inside which contained £100.

"Although I don't expect to get the money back, I would like the purse returned to Barry Police Station – it has things of sentimental value."

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Village Africa's ambulance appeal

Pictured above are Tanzanian volunteer, Roy Gee, co-founder of project Village Africa, Caroline Johnston, and volunteer driver Sue.

THE Village Africa Ambulance appeal is a registered charity formed on May 6, 2006.

In September of that year, I visited this remote mountain community on a three-month teaching project; 11 months later, I returned for a similar period.

With first hand experience, I know there is a desperate need for an ambulance that will save many lives, young, newborn and elderly people.

Longevity is short: causes of death, malaria, pneumonia, water-borne diseases and women in childbirth.

Further information from *villageafrica.org.uk*

Roy Gee,
Dinas Powys

Watch out for garden thieves!

GARDENERS beware! I have noticed that there are sneak thieves stealing plants from around the Vale and you may be next.

They started with the sunken gardens at the Knap and moved on to the Parade Gardens. They are quite crafty as they take away some, or all, of the flowers, but put down grass seed so that you don't notice they are gone.

They allow weeds to grow back, hoping that you will think they are flowers – but I saw through this deception. You see, grass and weeds are green and flowers are all pretty colours!

What amazes me is that the council gardeners have not reported this crime! Keep your gates locked, they may be coming to you!

Alan Jones,
Barry

'THANK YOU'

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank The GEM for the set of 'Britain Alone' stamps, which I unexpectedly received last week.

Len Taylor,
Cowbridge

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'Don't use the public as whipping boys'

RECYCLING: 'GET TO ROOT OF PROBLEM'

HAVING just returned from a two-week absence, I was intrigued to read (in the June 10 and 17 editions of The GEM) the correspondence about the demise of plastic bags on recycling, and the Vale Council's reply by Mr Clifford Parish.

This article pre-supposes that all residential properties have sufficient space to store the ever increasing number of recycling containers (see also the ludicrous advertisements by Bridgend County Borough Council, with its partner May Gurney, in the same issues), and that properties have ease of access front to rear (not through the property).

Also is there adequate pavement space on which to place containers ready for collection?

It pre-supposes that those of a frail or elderly disposition will be able to cope with the ever-growing use of recycling containers.

Surely, it would be better to get back to the root of the problem and for the council to harangue the Welsh Assembly Government (and thus, central Government) to legislate for those initiating the recycling materials to have a legal obligation to reduce the amount being used to the bare minimum – and not continue to provide for a growth waste-industry?

The general public should not be used as the 'whipping boys'.

The current effort to encourage recycling is laudable – but surely the picture is a classic case of 'cause and effect' in operation?

Doug Mountain,
Llantwit Major

'Why spend this cash on airport bus link?'

WITH reference to recent comments on the 'valuable' airport bus link, I frequently travel from Cardiff Airport.

On June 9, while waiting for the 7.15am flight to Fuerteventura, I checked the departure board.

There were 21 flights scheduled to leave the airport up to 4.30 pm; 12 of these left before 9 am.

I noticed in The GEM (June 24) your report that the Vale Council and the Assembly Government had agreed to give another £32,500 to provide a bus link from Rhoose to the Airport until the end of October.

Obviously, if you are catching a plane before 9am, you must be at the airport between 6-7am.

So why are we giving all this money for a bus service which doesn't run when more than half the planes are leaving or arriving at the airport?

If the Assembly needs to make cutbacks, start with the airport – and start very carefully by looking at the costs of a much larger subsidy they give to the flight from north Wales to Cardiff, which I'm sure is only used by AMs.

Mrs R C Hartill,
Ogmore by Sea

Nell's Point: 'be more imaginative'

READERS' children and grandchildren may not forgive the Vale Council for its compliance or acceptance in failing to make use of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform Barry.

We have witnessed one of the lamest consultations ever for one of the most profound developments affecting Barry's future – the Nells Point development on Barry Island.

Where have been the public meetings, exhibitions, engagement with the public, instead of an afterthought of providing access via the council's web site?

We should demand the council aims higher in its plans and shows some imagination, determination to create a new development that provides for year-round, all weather tourism, which puts Barry on the map nationally and attracts visitors locally and from the West Midlands and West Country.

There are lots of ideas, for example, for a sea world development, high quality eco-cabin park, and climate change visitor centre.

We just need a desire to make the best of this opportunity – rather than a quick-fix solution, to generate immediate land sale income for the council.

Andy Green
Barry Island

Flower festival

THE 16th flower festival organised by Rectorial Benefice, Llantwit Major, is taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend of August 28, 29, 30.

Due to unforeseen circumstance, I may not have invited all I should have to take part. If I have left any organisations out and you would like to take part, please phone the office on 01446 795551 and let me know.

Margaret Muir,
Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
01 Thur	10.03	8.6	22.22	8.8
02 Fri	10.43	8.6	23.04	8.7
03 Sat	11.18	8.3	23.39	8.4
04 Sun	11.54	7.9		
05 Mon	00.20	7.9	12.48	7.7
06 Tues	01.13	7.6	13.51	7.6
07 Wed	02.25	7.7	14.58	7.7
08 Thur	03.41	7.8	16.16	8.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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MP & AM's SURGERY TIMES

New MP Alun Cairns is still finalising his contact details but, to make a surgery appointment with Mr Cairns, contact the constituency office on 01446 733516 or e-mail alun@aluncairns.com

To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

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Drugs handed over in pub for 'safekeeping'

Barry man thought he had 6,000 ecstasy tablets

by AJ SICLUNA

A BARRY man who was handed more than 6,000 tablets in a pub in the town for safe keeping, believed they were the banned drug ecstasy.

If they had been, they would have had a street value in excess of £37,000 – but they were anything but, Cardiff Crown Court has heard. They turned out to be, said prosecutor Hilary Roberts, an ecstasy alternative, TENPP, and were worth less than £4,000.

Carl Lloyd, 24, an unemployed building worker, was jailed for 10 months, suspended for a year, and ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work, after pleading guilty to possessing drugs with intent, possessing cannabis and offering to supply class A drugs.

Mr Roberts said that on March 27, the police went to a flat in Barry to enquire about a car that was causing an obstruction.

Lloyd answered the door and the officers smelt cannabis, which he said he had been smoking.

They searched the flat and found the tablets.

Lloyd admitted passing some to an acquaintance in the belief that they were ecstasy. Lloyd explained that he had been handed the drugs for safe keeping by a man in a pub.

His counsel, Christopher Evans, said: "He kept them for someone else and they were to be returned.

"The other man is something of a bully, and Lloyd had been under pressure and describes himself as an 'unsophisticated easy-going target'."

He had, he said, been in custody 85 days.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones said the drugs were found only by chance and he sentenced on the basis that Lloyd had been a custodian.

Rhoose surgery

COUNCILLORS Jeff James and Gordon Kemp will be holding one of their regular Rhoose ward advice surgeries this Saturday (July 3) at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose from 10am to 12 noon.

All are welcome and no appointment is necessary. For further information, please contact 01446 710690.

Merthyr Dyfan Friends thank candle supporters

FRIENDS of Merthyr Dyfan cemetery have expressed thanks to all those who came to light a candle on Fathers' Day in the historic Merthyr Dyfan chapel.

"These popular events have been running now for two years and allow people to see and enjoy the chapel as well as allow a comfortable opportunity to light a candle and remember loved ones," said chair of the Friends, Nic Hodges.

He reported that the Friends have recently purchased two bird-baths: One has been set up in the baby garden and the other near the main entrance.

"Bird feeders and bird baths have been set up to encourage birds such as blackbirds, collared doves, magpies. and to also increase the number of sightings of green woodpeckers.

"Squirrels, bats and hedgehogs also thrive at the cemetery. The Friends continue to work in partnership with Barry Town Council in supporting their Biodiveristy Project," Mr Hodges added.

Public-spirited Soroptimists clean up beach

ABOVE: Collecting the beach rubbish was no picnic.

BARRY and District Soroptimists have collected more than 12 kilogrammes of waste and rubbish as part of their Marine Conservation duties at Jackson's Bay.

On a hot sunny day with many families and visitors enjoying the beach, the volunteers were able to remove glass, plastic and rubbish to make the beach safe and enhance the beauty of Barry Island's Jackson's Bay.

Jane Hutt AM, a member of the Barry and District Soroptimists, joined the volunteers to help with the beach survey this month.

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As in previous years, the tournament consisted of group rounds, then quarter and semi-finals, before the final nail-biting showdown.

Champions for the last two years, the CCTC teams from Dumballs Road in Cardiff Bay managed to get two teams into the semi-finals but it was the 'College Lecturers', staff from the sport, construction and IT departments, that battled the Sports students' team in the final.

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HIGH Street Traders in Barry have announced the third lucky winner in their 2010 monthly prize draw.

Back by popular demand and to help fund events throughout the year, High Street Traders are holding a raffle every month. To be in with a chance to win, pop into any shop displaying the 'Raffle' sign.

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Charlotte inspired by New Horizons

by TIM CHAPMAN

A community resource centre in Barry has helped to transform the life of a Llantwit Major woman who lost the ability to walk eight years ago.

Charlotte Ashmore (65) suffers from coeliac disease – an intolerance to gluten – and she is confined to a wheelchair.

Up until nine years ago, Charlotte was an active, energetic supply teacher in the Vale, married for 25 years with two adult sons.

"In 2002, I had a bad fall and my husband Mike picked me up. Things didn't improve and the doctor was called.

"I went to the University Hospital of Wales where they discovered things were more serious and that I had coeliac disease.

"It took a long time to diagnose, but one day the consultant told me: 'Sorry Mrs Ashmore, I don't think you will walk again.'"

That news had two profound effects on her life – a lack of mobility for the rest of her life, and the end of her marriage.

"My husband couldn't cope with my disability. He was honest enough to say: 'I can't spend my life caring for you'."

Although, her husband's admission was brutal, Charlotte says she is glad he told her to avoid him living a life of resentment.

Since then, Charlotte, a sparky character, has rebuilt her life, and a major support has been the New Horizons day service which is run by the Vale Council social services department.

She describes New Horizons as "inspirational".

"It is a great support to people like me who have disabilities.

"I have lots of friends and get real help. When I first got my electric chair I was very nervous about losing my balance and falling. The 'extend class' enabled me to overcome my fears.

Charlotte Ashmore.

"I joined the woodwork class which is supervised by John, and have made a pergola as a focal point for my garden. Before I started woodwork, I didn't have a clue about drilling or sawing."

The community spirit of Hen Goleg has encouraged Charlotte to look at life in an optimistic way despite the trials she has had to face.

"I am very positive about the future. I see people who are far worse off than me, but now I want to encourage others. If I can achieve these things then so can other people," she added.

Sue Ryder, the day service manager, said: "Charlotte is a good example of how New Horizons, a day service provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Social Services, can help people to adapt to living with a permanent and substantial disability in a positive way.

"If anyone would like more information about the service they are invited to contact us on 01446 731935."

Lifeboat called out six times

DURING the hottest weekend of the year, Barry Dock Lifeboat was launched six times over a period of four days spanning June 25-28.

In the most serious incident last Friday (June 25) the lifeboat was called out to two boys who entered the water off Cold Knap point and started swimming to the outfall pipe.

When the lifeboat reached them, one youngster on the brink of death had to be resusitated. He was airlifted to hospital, and treated overnight. The other boy was taken to the University Hospital of Wales by ambulance for a check up.

The boys had suffered bumps and scrapes from rocks, but not life-threatening injuries. On Saturday, the lifeboat helped people in a drifting dingy, and on Sunday it assisted the RNLI Atlantic lifeboat crew to tow a fishing boat back to Barry harbour.

There were also incidents involving a woman, who had been drinking, and had to be arrested for her own safety when the authorities were concerned she was going to enter the water, and three girls were helped back to shore at Whitmore Bay after getting into difficulties.

Gerry Adams, the lifeboat press officer, said: "We are a little disturbed about the dangers of the use of inflatables in the sea. People should not use them in strong winds, ebbing tides, or choppy conditions."

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RIGHT: 'We are the champion beach cleaners!'

PENMARK SCOUTS' CLEAN SWEEP AT ABERTHAW BEACH

MORE THAN 57 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and parents turned up for a voluntary litter pick on Leys beach in Aberthaw recently.

The three sections from 1st Penmark with Porthkerry combined to produce a formidable group to remove plastic and other waste items which are washed up on the beach.

The young volunteers with ages ranging between six and 14 were out earning their environmental badge:

"We need more young volunteers like this to help get plastic out of the marine system because it's an ecological hazard, as well as being unsightly.

"Creatures that live in the sea like turtles mistake the plastic for food and swallow it and that can be fatal for them", said Jason Grice, one of the Cub Scout volunteers.

Leys beach is a 20 minute walk through a wildlife reserve so getting the collected waste off the beach made clearing virtually impossible until npower stepped in with an offer to provide skips.

If you would like to help improve the marine environment or carry out any other kind of environmental activity in the Vale contact 02920 726985 or email ian.harvey@keepwalestidy.org

IAN HARVEY

Local councillors welcome Barry safety crossings

THE Labour Vale and Barry Town councillors for Castleland, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell have welcomed the completion of two new pedestrian crossings in Barry Waterfront.

The crossings have been installed after calls from residents and councillors about pedestrian safety in the area and after the recent completion of the Thompson Street footbridge.

Coun Elmore said: "The crossings are the final phase in ensuring safe pedestrian access to the Waterfront. As the councillors for Castleland Ward we have campaigned with residents for the crossings and it is great to see them finally installed and working".

Erin claims gold as dance school excels

PUPILS of the Moya Vahey School of Dance were highly successful again this year at the Bristol dance eisteddfod against competitors from across Wales and the south west.

All entrants performed well in their age groups and were awarded very high marks.

The jewel in the crown was Erin McCloughlin from Llantwit Major, who won a gold medal in the age five to six classical competition and also picked up the Tanya Allan Trophy, which is held by one of Moya's pupils for the third year in a row!

"The whole school will be performing in aid of Cancer Research Wales at the Cowbridge Old Hall Gardens on July 11 at 3pm. Tea and homemade cakes will be served and tickets can be purchased on the door.

"It promises to be an enjoyable show to raise money for a very good cause. Please come along and support this event," a spokeswoman urged.

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TOAST TO AUSTRALIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

from her former neighbour!

by TIM CHAPMAN

LAST week, a Barry man had a special reason to toast the new Prime Minister of Australia – he's a close family friend, and put her up on holiday when she returned to the town of her birth!

Basil Baker (91) of Queen Street knew John and Moira Gillard and daughters Julia and Alison as next door neighbours in the 60s.

But last Thursday, he woke to the news that Julia had become Australia's first female Prime Minister.

Basil said: "My wife Mabel and I moved into Queen Street before the Gillards. They came a couple of years later.

"John, the father, worked in the ticket office of Barry Railway Station so a lot of people knew him.

"He and Moira were good friends, nice parents and they had nice kids, nothing special – until now!"

The family left for Australia in 1966 because John and Moira thought the climate would help Julia who had health problems.

ABOVE: Basil Baker, former neighbour of the new Australian Prime Minister, toasts Julia Gillard's success.

Basil said: "The family came back on holiday when Julia was in her teens. We put Julia and her parents up because we had two bedrooms spare. If I remember correctly, her sister stayed with her grandparents.

"We spent a long time chatting because it was snowy outside. I remember Julia saying she wanted a career. She wasn't sure what, but told me she wanted work her way up. The first job she had was as an immigration officer.

"The Gillards have kept in touch with me each Christmas and let me know when she became Deputy Prime Minster by sending me a magazine article.

"I think what she has achieved is amazing. It makes me wonder if she had stayed here whether she would have become the British Prime Minister – Mrs Thatcher did."

Mr Baker, who worked as a coalman in Barry for 38 years with the family business Baker & Sons, added: "If the family do come back, I hope they look me up."

Last week, the Australian media were keen to find out about Julia Gillard's home town with TV crews and newspaper reporters getting a flavour of Barry from the locals.

Marco Zeraschi, who owns Marco's Café on the Island, did an interview for the Australian Broadcasting Company's evening news.

"I told them that the best-looking girls were from Barry and that they were lucky to have her – a great export.

"They wanted to know a bit about the town, so I told them we had a better beach than Bondi!"

Marco also used the opportunity to sell Barry and the rural Vale to Australian visitors.

He told The GEM: "We get lots of Australians coming here because Gavin and Stacey is massive with the Aussies. Lots of them come to the Island to take photos."

ABOVE: Marco Zeraschi spoke about Barry on Australian radio and used it as an opportunity to sell the town to potential Aussie tourists.

TRAIN NAMED AFTER PM

The Barry Rail Centre, is renaming one of its trains 'Julia Pride of Barry', after Julia Gillard.

Barry Rail Centre managing director, Dr Mark Lang said: "Plans to restore the Class 73 locomotive at Barry Rail Centre are under way, and the Rail Centre's operator, Cambrian Transport, is now keen to encourage Julia Gillard's role as an ambassador for the town.

"The locomotive is on long-term loan from Eurostar and when restored, it will provide a training facility for local young people wanting a career in the rail industry."

Island traders feel summer season may be best for decade

by TIM CHAPMAN

TRADERS on Barry Island are optimistic that the popular tourist destination is going to have its best summer for a decade.

In recent years, uncertainty over whether the Pleasure Park was going to provide rides, and whether there would be sufficient parking on busy days, affected the number of visitors.

But Pat Collins, who has 12 attractions on the Promenade and is now in his 51st summer season, said there was a new air of optimism on the Island.

"In May, the traders had a meeting with the Vale Council, the police, the transport police and Arriva Trains.

"Among the issues that were raised were concerns about drinking on the seafront.

"Since that meeting, the management of the Island in terms of drink, keeping the traffic flowing and car parking has been excellent.

"If the police have spoken to people about bringing drink onto the Island it has been in a subtle way – not heavy handed at all.

"Opening up the Butlins site as a car park has helped everybody and meant people being able to park on the Island without having to deal with flights of steps.

"The traffic flow system means we are not getting congestion down at the square area either."

Mr Collins said the council had helped to make the Island more user-friendly for the thousands of people that have visited over the recent weekends of glorious weather.

"They have put on extra staff for cleaning and looking after the beach, and the opening hours of the toilets have been extended too.

"There has been a forward-looking, can-do attitude.

"We brought up the problem of pot-holes at a meeting and within two weeks it had been sorted.

"It is my 51st year down here and I have not known such a positive attitude from the council."

Mr Collins said that a sales rep had told him that the Island was generating such good business that it was comparable to lucrative resorts like Blackpool, Weston-super-Mare and Brighton.

He added that traders had a reasonable expectation that this summer season could be the best in many years.

"In a sense it is out of our control, but if the weather is good for the main six-week holiday period, it could be the best season we have had for 10 years.," he added.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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Company fined after worker's foot amputated

A construction worker needed his foot to be amputated after it became trapped by a metal sheet being driven into the ground at an excavation site in Barry, local magistrates were told last week.

The Vale Magistrates Court at Barry heard details of the horrific incident after his employers, Morgan Est plc were prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) for failings leading to the injury.

Clive Morgan, (46), from Gilfach Goch, Rhondda, was installing interlocking metal sheets, known as piles, into the ground to prevent the collapse of an excavation for an underground pumping station at Barry Ponds.

Mr Morgan was standing on a horizontal beam in place to guide the pile into position, when his foot became trapped between the sheet and the beam, injuring his left foot so seriously he later had it amputated.

The company, of Kent House, 14-17 Market Place, London, pleaded guilty to a charge under Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. The construction firm have been fined £12,000 with costs of £11,213.

The incident happened in February 2008 and the HSE investigation demonstrated that the work Mr Morgan was involved in was not being carried out in a safe manner, in that no-one should be standing close to a metal pile as it is being lowered into position.

HSE Inspector Steve Richardson said that since the incident, the company have revised their procedures for installing piles and provided dedicated training for their operatives.

"This was too late for Mr Morgan, who remains unable to work and is still undergoing treatment," he added.

Artist's show

AN exhibition was held by Art Central Friends at the Town Hall, Barry, of work by the late local artist Robert Hart.

Eve Hart and Alan Salisbury curated the exhibition. Eve introduced the exhibition and provided a personal insight into Bob's life and work, while there was further insight and analysis provided during a tour of the exhibition.

Guests included Bob's daughter Carole, and Jane Hunt, a relative from Sydney, Australia, who had crossed the world to see the exhibition in Barry.

Three Vale residents are jailed for not paying council tax

MAGISTRATES have imposed prison sentences on three Vale residents found guilty of failing to pay their council tax.

Ms Anne Louise Muston of Barry, had previously appeared before the Barry court, where a prison sentence was imposed, but suspended on repayment terms.

She had failed to honour the terms of the suspended sentence and was summonsed to appear before the magistrates on June 21 to answer why she had failed to comply with the order. Ms Muston appeared before the magistrates, but could give no good reason why she had not honoured the terms of the previous order made.

As a result, a prison sentence of 20 days was activated and Ms Muston was taken straight into custody.

Mr Alan Reynolds of Penarth, and Mr Michael Randall of Peterston-super-Ely, had also previously appeared before the magistrates where prison sentences were imposed, but suspended on repayment terms.

The defendants had failed to honour the terms of the suspended sentences and were summonsed to appear before the magistrates on June 21 to answer the reasons why they had failed to comply with the orders.

As they failed to attend the court hearing the decision was made to activate their warrants and impose the sentences with immediate effect, giving custodial terms of 13 days and four days respectively.

A council spokesman said that anyone in genuine difficulty or on low income should telephone 01446 709244.

Aviation society

PENARTH Aviation Society meet on Friday, July 2, at 8.30pm in Penarth Conservative Club for a talk on Lawrence of Arabia by Mac Tanner.

Mr Tanner has researched Lawrence's time after the end of the war, when he was living under two aliases. Was he looking for privacy or was there another reason?

Mr Tanner will reveal his theory, and entry is free.

For further information, telephone 02920 531390.

Tom tribute goes ahead

THE death of former Sterophonics drummer Stuart Cable meant a BBC tribute to Sir Tom Jones marking his 70th birthday was postponed at short notice.

It meant Barry butchers, Vic Hopkins and Son, were denied their moment in the TV spotlight, when they were due to take part in a rendition of the song 'Delilah'.

Tony Hopkins contacted The GEM and said: "The programme has now been rescheduled for this Sunday evening, July 4, at 10.25pm on BBC1 Wales. Delilah is sung at the end of the tribute to Tom by groups of people from around Wales."

You don't have to be Einstein to guess that the Barry butchers belt out the line starting 'I felt the knife in my hands...'

NEWS IN BRIEF

Booksale bonanza!

COWBRIDGE library is holding a one-off booksale from July 3 - 18 from 10am to 5pm daily.

Garden Party

THE NSPCC Barry Committee will hold its annual garden party at Dyffryn Gardens on Wednesday, July 14, at 3pm.

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THE GLAMORGAN GEM WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

As England arrive back home, the Welsh team talk is ready!

by TONY BENNETT

WELL the clash I thought would happen, happened.

Mighty encounter I wrote, The Three Lions of England would surely roar and charge into battle. Brian Blessed, his booming voice led the battle cry. "For Fabio, England and St. George."

What did we get, three kittens mewing as England crashed hopelessly out of the World Cup.

The cream of English football talent, finely tuned athletes, supposedly world class players, all very highly paid, were no match for a German team full of invention and technical ability.

I wonder what the reply would be if you said to the Dutch manager Bert van Marwijk. "Hey Bert, wanna swap a couple of your boys for some English lads"?

I suspect you would have to pick him up off the floor first, because he would have fallen over laughing so much.

He might then reply. "Not a chance, come back and see me when they have learned how to pass a ball."

I don't think he would even consider tackling the subjects of tactics and formations, that's way beyond them.

The only good thing English to come out of this World Cup, showing pride, passion and roaring like three lions, were the fans. They were magnificent, out-singing the Vuvuzelas, and not one was arrested by the police in South Africa, well done them.

Lastly, on the subject of England, they have to play Wales twice in the next 18 months.

John Toshack's team talk should be easy, "get stuck into them lads because this lot aren't as good as they think they are."

The Italians also bombed out, joining the French in not getting past the group stage.

Slovakia beat them 3-2, leaving them without a win and bottom of the group table. The Slovaks then met Holland in the last 16 and despite a valiant effort, lost 2-1.

The Dutch never really got out of second gear for that match, you had the feeling they were trying not to work too hard, saving something for the next round.

That brings us neatly onto Brazil. They have just cruised through the opening stage, even with Kaka being sent off against the Ivory Coast.

The Portugal v Brazil game was really disappointing, mainly because both teams only needed a draw to qualify.

Brazil then went into a match against Chile who, it has to be said, at least had a go at Brazil.

The final score though was 3-0 to Brazil.

Uruguay beat the plucky South Koreans 2-1 and again you had the feeling they too were trying to save some energy for what is to come.

The good ol' US of A, who had looked promising after topping England's group with a last gasp goal against Algeria, were wasteful in front of goal against the only African team left, Ghana.

That game went to extra time with Ghana scoring a winner in the first period and hanging on for a 2-1 win.

Spain, who started badly losing to Switzerland, got their act together beating Honduras and Chile to win group H and that set up a meeting with Portugal.

Argentina have rolled over everyone so far and played attacking football of a high quality, the Tevez goal against Mexico is probably the goal of the tournament so far.

So by the time you read this, we will be down to the last eight teams.

What have we got left to feast our eyes on? Friday 3pm is Holland v Brazil, this match-up has in the past produced some outstanding matches.

Friday, 7.30pm sees Uruguay v Ghana – South America v Africa.

Saturday, 3pm is Argentina v Germany, and must be worth a watch.

Lastly, Saturday night, 7pm should be Spain v Paraguay; Portugal and Japan might yet appear, I've had to predict that one.

My prediction for the semi finals next week: Ghana to play Brazil and Argentina to play Spain.

Oh, and by the way, if you have any comments or thoughts about the World Cup, or if you're a fan who has been there and returned, let The GEM know by writing in, with your comments.

Girls Line up for their very own World Cup

ABOVE:
Girls in the Vale are getting the football bug!

IN conjunction with the FAW, Cadoxton Imps Coyotes girls football team is holding its own World Cup Festival for girls aged 6-11 at Barry Boys School on July 7.

For details, telephone Sue Deakin on 07967 711591.

Sponsorship plea

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Clamping down on waste while protecting our public services

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by ***Jane Hutt AM*** **(Minister for Business and Budget)**

A fortnight ago, I attended the 50th anniversary of Barry Comprehensive School celebrations; and this was followed on June 28 by the Barry College 50th birthday party at Colcot Road, with beautiful weather on both occasions.

There was an atmosphere of celebration and achievement at Barry College, as former students and staff met up, exchanged memories and made visits to their old classrooms, photograph and prospectus exhibitions.

Barry Amateur Radio Society were marking their 50 years of association with the college and their involvement in the first Marconi broadcast.

The Principal, Paul Halstead, reminded us that 50 years ago there were 10 members of staff and 400 students.

Last year, there were 500 members of staff and 10,000 students, with a wide range of courses available in different sites from Rhoose to the Barry Waterfront, Dumballs Road in Cardiff Bay as well as Colcot Road.

Barry College plays a vital role in the provision of 14-19 Learning Pathways, offering vocational opportunities to school and college students from across the Vale – in a planned network of provision at the forefront of our educational drive to provide skills and learning opportunities to all our young people, equipping them for the challenges of our current economic climate.

Earlier this week, I joined a cross-party panel of Assembly Members to answer questions from year-12 Pupils at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

The first question was about the impact of the public spending cuts on schools. The year-12 questioners were acutely aware of the current financial and economic challenges and were articulate in making their points.

I was able to respond by saying that the Welsh Assembly Government had made the funding of schools a priority.

The UK coalition Government's Budget last week cuts spending and increases taxes by around £40bn per year by 2014-15 – over and above the previous Labour Government's plans. In Wales, we have already been asked to make £186m worth of cuts in this year and next.

We are considering carefully our options for achieving this whilst we analyse the impact of the Budget and await further figures from the comprehensive spending review in October.

The projected elimination of the budget deficit set by the Chancellor seeks greater public spending cuts than tax increases; the ratio is roughly 4:1.

This makes for tough decisions in Wales over the coming weeks and months.

The Welsh Assembly Government has made its spending priorities clear – schools, skills, and the NHS.

Investment and spend in all of these public services, like our Vale schools and Barry College, our primary health care and hospital services will have an impact on our economy and our ability to foster growth with a well educated, motivated and healthy workforce.

Last week, we celebrated Armed Forces Day in Barry, Cardiff and across Wales, Carl Sargeant AM, our Welsh Assembly Government Minister reminded the Assembly that, "Nearly 3,000 soldiers, sailors and Royal Air Force personnel are based in Wales.

With their families, they are an integral part of Welsh society.

They use our schools, our health services and our public transport.

So the Assembly Government has an obligation to ensure that these and other public services are delivered in a way that meets their needs".

This was a salutary point to make as we celebrate and safeguard our public services whilst being vigilant about driving out inefficiencies, waste and duplication.

That was my message to the Welsh Assembly on Tuesday to achieve "better outcomes in tougher times", echoed by the First Minister at the Public Services Summit this week.

PLAID CYMRU councillors Caroline Turner and Barry Shaw, are joined by Keith Stockdale at Holton Primary School, Pyke Street, Barry from 11am to 12 midday on Saturday, July 10, for an advice surgery. No appointments necessary.

SCOPE VOICE IN THE VALE

LEFT: The Vale AM is pictured with Rob Williams and other SCOPE VOICE members.

Vale Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, met the SCOPE VOICE team at their recent open day and viewed the re-designed IT suite and flourishing vegetable gardens.

Afterwards, she commented: " I was very pleased to hear that SCOPE organised elections for their members to set up SCOPE VOICE to request the views of all the people who attend the SCOPE Day Centre, taking part in a wide range of activities, including IT and gardening.

***"I know members of SCOPE VOICE will have a positive influence on the development of SCOPE* in the Vale of Glamorgan."**

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In England, patients are treated within 18 weeks of referral, but here it is a different story...

IN WALES, THEY COULD HAVE TO WAIT A YEAR!

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

A VALE woman is battling to get the waiting times for hospital treatment in Wales brought into line with those in England.

Pat Swain of Town Mill Road, Cowbridge, was shocked to find that while the Welsh Assembly Government stipulates that patients must be treated within 26 weeks of being referred to a hospital by their GP, in England the time is 18 weeks.

She is also perturbed to find that if a patient is referred on to a second consultant by the first one, the 26-week waiting time starts again from scratch.

"That means that you can wait a year for treatment in Wales from the time your GP makes the referral," she said. "The NHS in Wales is acting as if it is a lot of different organisations.

"I was referred from the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg board to Cardiff and the Vale and it was like dealing with two completely different organisations, instead of all being part of the same health service. There is no co-operation at all between them."

Mrs Swain, who is 72, was initially referred to a gynaecologist at the Princess of Wales hospital last November by her GP who diagnosed a prolapse.

In December, she was told that she would have to wait between 12 and 14 weeks to see him.

In February, after a 13-week wait, she rang again and was told that the wait would be 17 to 18 weeks.

She later received an appointment for March 30 which would have been 20 weeks after referral.

She went on: "But on March 12, I had a letter cancelling the appointment and giving me a new date of April 13 which would have been 22 weeks after referral.

"When I rang up to find out what was happening, I was told that the consultant had decided to go on holiday. But after I made a fuss, I was told that he was available the following Tuesday and they offered me three different slots – this was on March 23.

"So why wasn't I offered one of those dates originally? Why did they try to push me back to April when there were free dates available?"

Mrs Swain then saw the consultant: "He said that the operation needed was too specialised and complex for him to do and he said I would need to see someone else – either in Swansea or Cardiff."

Mrs Swain opted for Llandough Hospital and was told she would be referred there.

But on April 12, three weeks after she was seen, the referral letter had still not arrived at Llandough. She checked three days later and was told it was there.

"I was then told that I would have to go back onto another waiting list and could wait a further 26 weeks in theory, although the time quoted was 12 to 14 weeks to see the consultant.

"I was told that nothing could be done because the new pathway started from the date the referral letter is received. I was back to square one."

At this point, Mrs Swain started rattling a few cages and wrote to both health boards, to health minister Edwina Hart, shadow health minister Andrew RT Davies and to Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She then spoke to ABM, who said she could be referred to Singleton Hospital and she was in such discomfort and distress that she opted for this route.

"I saw the consultant on May 18 and he told me that there was an alternative treatment to surgery, which was to insert a ring pessary which he did there and then without any further delay."

Mrs Swain said that she had made a remarkable improvement and was seeing him again in October to see if the treatment had worked or whether or not she still needed surgery.

"I am feeling so much better, but I am surprised that this option was not offered to me initially in Bridgend. It was a simple procedure, which I am sure all gynaecologists are able to do so I am wondering why this treatment was not offered. It would have saved me a lot of distress and hanging about.

"It seems that nobody cares about how much people are shuttled about between doctors and hospitals. You just feel that nobody is talking to anyone else."

Her husband Brian said that Pat had endured six months of purgatory.

"We do not blame the consultants but it is the administration of these things that is at fault. They are using the 26 weeks as a minimum time and not a maximum one."

Mrs Swain added: "I am very unhappy with why Wales should have to wait longer than England and I am still fighting for answers. There are other people in my position and they deserve better."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "I have taken up this case on behalf of Mrs Swain with the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg LHB, Cardiff and Vale LHB and the Minister for Health and Social Services to expedite this treatment."

• Do other GEM readers have an experience to share? Write to us at the address on page 2.

Alfred is wished 'many happy returns' at his 99th birthday celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALF!

CLOSE family and friends gathered at the The Sportsman's Rest in Peterston-super-Ely on June 25 (a day early!) to wish one of the Vale's great characters, GEM contributor, Alfred Mills, a very happy 99th birthday. As can be seen from GEM photographer Ian Dixon's pictures of the happy event, Alfred is in fine fettle and the GEM is now looking forward to next year and his 100th birthday.

The All Wales ploughing and hedging championships

THE Riverlea CLAAS 51st All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships will be held on Saturday, September 18, at Boverton Farm, Llantwit Major, on land owned by V J Thomas and Son.

More than 100 competitors will compete on the day, with classes including traditional, reversible and vintage ploughing, plus horse ploughing, traditional style hedging and fencing.

The winners qualify for the UK, European and World Championships. There will also be demonstration areas highlighting modern methods of ploughing, cultivating and seeding together with a number of trade stands and a large vintage machinery section.

Main ring attractions include Paws for Thought dog display team, a slow tractor race (!) and a falconry display. The president, Mr Tony Thomas, said: "We are delighted to be hosting this prestigious event and aim to attract many competitors from all over the country.

"We hope to have at least 12 teams of horses ploughing, along with competitions in hedging, fencing and World Class ploughing.

"Furthermore, it is hoped to have a steam ploughing demonstration and working threshing machine. Steam ploughing was the big breakthrough towards mechanisation from horse ploughing and it is fantastic that this method can still be demonstrated.

"I know a number of farmers who are very much looking forward to seeing it. I would like to thank our sponsors who are enabling us to provide these demonstrations and who will ensure that the day will be a great success".

• *Prospective sponsors can contact the secretary on 01446 710376.*

STRAIGHT AHEAD!

ABOVE: Ploughing a straight furrow.

COWBRIDGE ANNUAL FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL WELCOMES NEW SPONSORS

FOOD lovers in south Wales can put a special date in their diaries – the the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival 2010, with the addition of two major new sponsors.

Sigma 3 Kitchens and Filco Supermarkets will sponsor the sixth festival, which takes place on October 30 and 31 this year.

The south Wales-based retailer and manufacturer Sigma 3, which provides high-quality, stylish kitchens at affordable prices, will sponsor the food demonstration area at this year's festival.

Last year's event saw demonstrations from local producers, restaurant chefs, and acclaimed food writers, and the 2010 festival promises equal variety, with plenty of opportunity for the audience to taste the food and get involved.

Filco Supermarkets, a family-run business with eight stores across south Wales, will sponsor the wine and cheese marquee, and Filco will also be presenting and sampling their own range of Welsh cheese and fine wine.

Other festival favourites returning this year include the Champagne tent, with live music throughout the festival weekend, and the main area, where a huge variety of local and national exhibitors will showcase some of Britain's finest food and drink.

Bethan Barnfield, marketing manager at Sigma 3 Kitchens said: "As a successful Welsh business, we're pleased to be associated with a thriving Welsh event.

"The Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival is synonymous with quality exhibitors and products, and also attracts people from a large area who have an interest in food, drink and perhaps cooking, so also appreciate quality kitchens."

Simon Hunt, director of Filco Supermarkets, added: "We are delighted to have been given the opportunity to sponsor the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival 2010, and proud to support such an important Cowbridge event.

"The festival is fast becoming one of the main events in the Cowbridge calendar, and this is a great opportunity for our business to showcase some of the best 'Cowbridge Food Festival 2010' products throughout the year."

The Food and Drink Festival chairman, John Davies, commented: "This sponsorship allows the food demonstrations to continue in the town hall car park, offering a fantastic showcase to local chefs and restaurateurs, and we are very grateful to Sigma 3 for their support.

"Similarly, Filco Supermarkets' support allows visitors to experience some fantastic Welsh produce at the festival in the wine and cheese marquee, which is always hugely popular."

'The future is bright with Vale Orangeries'

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'Justice needs to be seen to be served in our own communities'

Local politicians pledge to oppose threat to court

by TIM CHAPMAN

LOCAL politicians have pledged to fight to keep the Vale Magistrates Court open.

As The GEM revealed last week, the court at Barry is under threat, following the publication of a Ministry of Justice paper recommending closure.

Plaid Cymru's Dr Ian Johnson argued that it was vital that justice be provided close to the community it served.

"We all know that the court in Barry has been targeted for cuts for quite some time, and I joined staff in protesting against changes back in March.

"Justice needs to be served and delivered in our own communities, not transferred out in this way.

"This is just the first of the announced cuts from this new Tory-led Government that will have a negative effect upon our way of life in Barry.

"Our new Tory MP, Alun Cairns recently told The GEM that the Vale needs to retain its own court at Barry.

"I hope that he will join me in fighting his own Government against their plans to shut this important centre."

The consultation document envisages a day when Vale cases will be heard in Cardiff.

Vale MP Alun Cairns stated that he was determined to ensure the court remained in Barry, and encouraged the public to make their views known during the consultation period.

He said: "I will do everything possible to stop the closure and ask that as many people as possible respond to the consultation. I was involved in the last campaign and as far as I can see, the need for the Vale Magistrates Court remains."

Mr Cairns added that he was already concerned by the existing proposals to transfer court administration jobs out of the Vale to Bridgend.

He pointed out: "The transfer some time ago of the police custody suite from Barry to Cardiff will also make our case more difficult.

"But I will be pressing that Barry is Wales' largest town and that there is an important principle of local justice.

"The court has excellent facilities, with separate entrances for defendants and witnesses and it has a first class victim support group.

"We need to do all we can to make sure it stays open."

Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, said she was disappointed to see the shadow of closure hanging over the court after a successful campaign had been fought to keep it open in the recent past.

She said: "I know the people of Barry will join me in saying we cannot let the new Government close our Vale Magistrates Court.

"We successfully made the case to keep it open when it was threatened four years ago.

"The Minister at the time, Harriet Harman, visited the court at my invitation and after considering the facts, viewing the facilities and meeting the staff, ruled against the closure.

"The evidence was as clear then as it is now. Barry is the largest town in Wales, it needs a local justice system which is accessible and effective, with facilities for victims, and a speedy criminal justice process for defendants."

The Vale AM revealed that she had written to the new Secretary of State for Justice, Kenneth Clarke, urging him to retain the court.

Fun dog show at the country park

Benji: one of those looking for a home.

ON Sunday, July 4 Dogs Trust Bridgend hosts its summer fête and fun dog show at Margam Country Park, from 11am - 4pm.

One of the day's highlights – the Fun Dog Show - will this year be judged by ITV Wales News presenter Francis Donovan alongside Dogs Trust Bridgend's resident vet Huw Davey.

There will also be fun fair rides, have-a-go agility, a doggy dash race, refreshment stalls and much more.

For more information, call the Dogs Trust on 01656 725219.

Heritage Coalition takes part in Armed Forces Day

THE sun shone and the crowds turned out in their thousands to pay tribute to the country's servicemen and women at Armed Forces Day on June 26.

The national event was held in the picturesque setting of Cardiff Bay and the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition joined the south Wales branch of the Western Front Association in the Pier Head building to stage an exhibition of militaria, ephemera and collectables from the Great War.

VHCC chairman Dr Jonathan Hicks said: "The items on display were from our own personal collections and it was a great opportunity for us to meet the public, talk about the items and discuss the Great War in general.

"We were also able to offer an on-line research service for people interested in knowing what their relatives did during the conflict. We were busy throughout the day and it showed how fascinated people are by the First World War.

"We also had a powerpoint presentation on the history of the war running on giant screens.

"One of our WFA members, Gavin Davies, gave three illustrated talks on Mametz Wood, Messines and 1918 to large audiences," he reported.

WARD ADVICE

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Barry's Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, July 3 from 10:30am to 12pm in the Drop-In-Centre No3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment necessary. Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506 116.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 624.

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PALMERSTON EXHIBITION - PREPARE TO BE IMPRESSED

BELOW: Student Ellie Lewis shows her grand daughter some of the decoupage that will be on display.

THE preparations are well under way for the annual art and crafts exhibition at Palmerston community learning centre.

The event is held to celebrate the achievements of learners who have attended a wide range of adult education classes in the Barry area.

It is anticipated that there will be more than 300 exhibits on display at the exhibition from a variety of classes, including painting and drawings, photography, pottery and ceramics, kiln glass fusion, precious metals, clay and jewellery, stained glass, decoupage and cardcraft, patchwork, quilting and textiles.

"Visitors to our art exhibition are always amazed at the standard of work on display," said Debbie Lewis, adult education officer, "So prepare to be impressed!"

This year, there will be a number of stalls selling crafts and produce – along with a raffle, tombola and refreshments. All proceeds will go to Help the Heroes.

The event opens on Thursday July 8, at 6.30pm – 8.30pm and continues through July 9 and 10 from 9.30am to 3pm. Admission is free and anyone is welcome to drop in to the centre to browse and enjoy the exhibits.

Tutors and students will be on hand with demonstrations and to chat about the courses.

There will be the chance to try some of the activities, including decoupage and cardmaking, pottery and drawing.

Art tutor Gary Colston will be taking a free drawing workshop on Friday, July 9.

This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about new courses starting in September.

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Please join us on Wednesday, July 14. The cost of this event is £13 and tickets must be booked in advance. To book, or for more information on the benefits of networking and joining the VWBN contact members@vwbn.org.uk

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Vocational training leads to a new career

A LOCAL woman, who worked for a car dealership for 20 years until the partnership dissolved, has embarked on a brand new career as a training supervisor, after updating her IT skills and completing vocational training.

Sharon Couchman had worked for the business as an office manager for 20 years, and when it dissolved, she joined another company in the hope of learning new skills.

However, after quickly realising the job wasn't for her, she approached Pitman Training Cardiff to study the Microsoft Office Diploma to update her IT skills and improve her chances of securing another job.

Sharon studied at the centre on days off from her job, working her way through Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel, Access and account modules.

She finished the course in just three months, adding "I absolutely loved it. I found PowerPoint really interesting and I am now confident in putting together a presentation. I'd really only scratched the surface of Word in my previous job and there's no way I could do what I do now!"

ABOVE: Sharon Couchman

Sharon spotted a vacancy on the jobs board at Pitman Training for a training supervisor at the centre and applied.

"I had no teaching experience and there were two modules left to complete on my course but I knew I'd be able to help students as I had been there myself" she added.

Sure enough, Sharon impressed the interview panel and was offered the job.

"My advice to anyone thinking about learning something new is to just do it! It's a very user-friendly way of learning and you can fit it around your lifestyle."

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ALL SAINTS PUPILS TAKE A TRIP AND VISIT A FAIRYTALE CASTLE

YEAR-2 pupils of All Saints Church in Wales Primary School are learning about knights and castles as part of their history studies, and they recently enjoyed an exciting visit to Castell Coch.

The children have learnt about the history of the castle and they made a study of the stunning William Burges architecture and decor, looking for shapes and form.

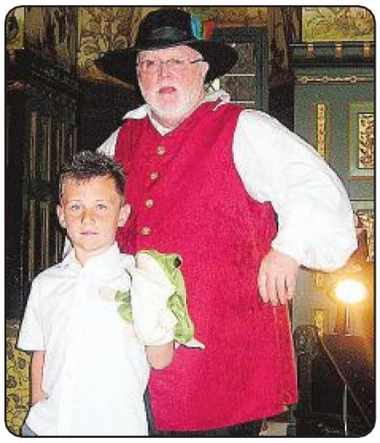
They also had a lesson in swordsmanship and were told about castle life by Sir Andrew, the resident knight.

They had a wonderful story session in the drawing room, where they listened to a range of Aesop's Fables told by the 'Spellbinder' in story, verse and song, while surrounded on all sides by the beautiful artwork which illustrated the fables.

The children had a picnic lunch in the courtyard, after which they enjoyed a tour of the wonderful rooms, including Lady Bute's bedroom, where scenes from *Doctor Who* were filmed for the latest series.

Finally, the children had a chance to explore the woods and smell the wild garlic before returning to school.

Teachers Mrs Koursaros and Mrs Martin and all the children and helpers agreed that this was a marvellousl way to learn about local history.



The pupils look for wild garlic.

Lucky Lougher is top of the Seaview Lads

THE Sea View Lads were treated to an idyllic day on the most recent boat fishing trip on the *Benjoma 2* out of Penarth.

Flat seas, blue skies and a blazing sun set a positive mood for all 10 anglers, with high expectations for a top days fishing shared by all.

AKA, also known as Rob Asford, confidently predicted an easy victory and boasted that he had already spent the winnings on that evening's dinner – quite possible given his recent winning form. Even Paul's tea and coffee tasted good – could things get any better?

A new face on the boat was Richard 'Lucky' Lougher, renowned for his prowess on the beach, but an unknown force afloat. The usual suspects made up the rest of the party, along with a few junior members.

After a few speculative drifts for mackerel bait that produced some pollack, we headed for the main mark and as soon as the pick was in, we were into fish. Dogfish that is.

While Lucky and a few others weedled away, the macho brigade dug in for some real fish and soon the dogs were replaced by small tope and decent hounds – plenty of fish in the 5-13lb bracket, and so the day went on.

Jon Jon landed the best fish of the day, a tope of 23lbs, while a few double figure eels were also landed.

By the time we packed up, all anglers had caught a mix of species, although the only rays caught were sunrays;

Lucky and Stringfellow were well out in the lead and Lucky Lougher squeezed into first place with more than 74lb in total, just over a pound in weight ahead of the Cush, while AKA was left looking forward to a piece of toast for his tea!

Given his dominance on the day we must ask whether Richard is indeed lucky, or simply a fine angler. If the latter, what on earth is he doing fishing with us!?

FocusBARRY
Island renewal

THE FocusBARRY group, which concentrates on issues in the town by involving the local community, held a meeting at the Barry Island Sports and Social Club.

The renewal of Barry Island as an attractive tourist destination was at the top of the agenda when members of the public – including two ward councillors – attended the hour-long discussion on the future of Nell's Point and the initiative by Barry Island Primary School to rebuild the tidal paddling pool.

Speakers highlighted the need for radical thinking in order to attract visitors.

Group member Brian Osbourne said: "What we need are attractions with a 'wow' factor that are going to reinvigorate the Island, attract tourists and provide jobs for local people."

Ramblers meander back in time to the 10th Century

EIGHT walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers joined Joy and Nick at the picnic area just off the old Roman road at Woolaston on a bright, sunny Sunday morning and made their way to St Andrew's Church, built of old red sandstone in 1131.

Woolaston in Gloucestershire has records that date back to the 10th century and the village has passed through the possession of Tintern Abbey, the Crown and the Dukes of Beaufort.

Crossing the pretty Black Brook and the stepping stones across Piccadilly Brook, they reached their first obstacle in the shape of a field of oil seed rape that resembled a jungle, which was followed by a high hill of soil.

A series of lovely buttercup meadows followed, with fantastic views across the Severn Estuary before they reached Stroat and began to climb gently through fields containing crops of broad beans, wheat, young energetic cows and a long–coated bull with a pair of massive horns.

By now, the two Severn Bridge crossings were clearly visible as the group stopped for coffee above Hanley House before making their way to Tidenham, which lies on the border of Gloucester and Monmouth.

They climbed the steep steps at the lovely old stone parish church dedicated to St Mary and St Peter and followed a cool pathway uphill through the trees, to eventually cross the old disused railway line.

More fields led to Woodcroft, where they joined Offa's Dyke pathway on the steep cliffs above the meandering River Wye to reach the viewpoint at Wintour's Leap.

Named after the Royalist Sir John Wintour, legend has it that while on horseback being pursued by the Roundheads, he leapt from the rock and landed safely in the River Wye.

However, as the river is some 200 feet below, this story is highly unlikely and he was probably rescued by boat from the valley and taken to safety.

After lunch, during which they saw many rock climbers who are attracted by the steep limestone cliffs, the group moved on and spotted two orange tipped butterflies before going through Bowspring and on to Parsons Allotment which was planted by the Forestry Commission in 1929.

At one time. a huge wood called Tidenham Chase covered the whole area, but this was split up when hunting discontinued and much of it was returned to agricultural land, leaving only plantations.

Further on, they saw two very sleepy Gloucestershire Old Spot pigs in a tin hut in the woods before passing some old lime kilns.

At Keynsham they hacked their way through an overgrown path before following a laneway back to their start.

On July 3, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate/hard walk at Blorenge Mountain; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On July 4, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile moderate/hard walk at St Briavels and Brockweir; contact Nick on 01446 420540.

On July 8, the Thursday evening walk will leave Penarth cliff top car park at 7pm for a five-mile easy walk in the area; contact Pam on 029 2021 9102.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walks log onto www.ramblers.org.uk. Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 219102.

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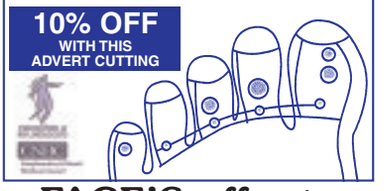

COMMUNITY NEWS
ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

WHAT a coincidence! Reading in The GEM on Thursday the interesting subject of bees and swarming in Fonmon Apiary, it happened to David and Gwyneth Lewis (late of Penylan Farm) of St Brides Major on Wednesday of that week.

They discovered a swarm in their pear tree in the garden. Not knowing who to contact, ranger Paul Dunn of the Heritage Coast, a beekeeper, came along and collected them.

Beekeeping is an interesting subject I grew up with, as my family kept a number of hives for many years.

A BAPTISMAL Service took place on Sunday, June 20, at St Bridget's Church, when the Houston family (John, James and Jessica) were christened.

ST BRIDES MAJOR branch of the Mother's Union held their monthly Eucharist in All Saints Church, Southerndown. A coach trip has been arranged for a visit to Sudely Castle, Gloucester, with a lunch at nearby Winchcombe; also later in July, a lunch at Ogmore Farm.

FRIDAY June 25 was a superb afternoon when 15 people from the village and friends met at the Fox car park to embark onto a long trailer behind a monster tractor for a ride – courtesy of Peter Davies of Slade (Organic) Farm, Pitcot.

The guides on the journey over the fields were Belinda and Paul, with Richard the tractor driver.

We entered the fields opposite Ty Mawr (Great House), Southerndown, alongside footpaths 17 and 18 and continued through the organic crops with wonderful views of the coast and the peace of the countryside. With the wildlife and skylarks, it was wonderful.

We followed the fields towards the top of St Brides Major and saw all the pigs and piglets on the way, visited three enormous bulls in the farmyard, and also dropped into the shop selling organic meats.

On to Dunraven (Durval) Drive to Grand Lodge, now sadly in disrepair, and on past the Ice House and overlooking Temple Shore.

Everyone enjoyed the experience, including the 80 and 90-year-olds sitting on bales of straw!

Our grateful thanks to Peter for arranging this for folk who can no longer walk along these beautiful footpaths in our area.

CONGRATULATIONS and happy birthday to Ursula Sanger of St Brides Major, who celebrated her 'special' birthday with family and friends on June 28.

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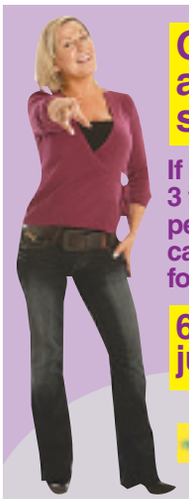
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Cowbridge RFC is looking for new players for next season

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Cowbridge Rugby Club are looking to recruit new players for the forthcoming season.
The club currently runs two senior sides, together with youth and ladies teams.
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COWBRIDGE RFC is already looking ahead to next year, with the 'pre-season training' commencing today (Thursday, July 1).

The senior team is looking to build on the excellent spirit and effort that they finished with last season and the youth team will also be looking to repeat their successful campaign.

So any players out there, from youth to vets, young and old, you are welcome to join us at the rugby club.

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Brand and Hill's rock 'n' roll comedy entertains but fails to hit the heights

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

DESPITE having angered certain elements of Britain when having left answerphone messages on a certain elderly actor's answerphone, Russell Brand's career in America has gone from strength to strength.

Having built his recent reputation by squiring pop star du jour Katy Perry, and hosting the MTV Awards twice, Brand is revelling in his new-found fame, and finds himself on the big screen again in *Get Him To The Greek*.

Brand plays Aldous Snow, a character who most will remember from *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, who is chased down by record company intern Aaron Green (Jonah Hill). Green is tasked with getting him to The Greek Theater in LA, scene of his finest hour 10 years previously.

But getting Snow there is anything but simple, with Green having to navigate a minefield of debauchery and madness in order to 'Get him to the Greek'...

While very funny, the character of Aldous Snow was hardly standout in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, nor was it one you felt had much in the way of mileage.

However, that film's director Nicholas Stoller obviously disagreed, and decided to both write and direct a film about Snow which, while amusing, never quite scales the comedic heights despite the talent on offer. While *Get Him To The Greek* certainly has its moments, there aren't enough of them to elevate it to being anything other than above average fare.

Given that Stoller obviously had a plan with where to take the character of Snow, he has opted for a straightforward and comedic route. Snow is a pompous rock star, unaware of anything other than his own sense of being, with little concern for those around him (imagine a pinch of Bono, a spoonful of Jim Morrison, the zest of Jagger and a dash of - unsurprisingly - Russell Brand).

Mixing this with the typical road movie premise, Green having to take Snow from London to LA in 72 hours, the resulting high jinks are easy enough to assume but don't quite come off.

Indeed, Stoller's script veers between the machinations of a road movie, while taking pot shots at artists who believe they are more than just 'singers', resulting in some superbly struck targets (Snow's African Child album is deemed to be the third most harmful thing to have ever happened to Africa for example).

While Stoller makes some humorous jabs at the music industry there is very little bite to it, content enough to rely on the more straightforward, and ever so often, crude humour intent on getting the bigger laughs.

It's a plan that doesn't quite pay dividends, giving a talented cast little room to play. When they are allowed off the leash, the results are very good, but outside of those times the gags, and performances, struggle to really breakthrough.

It is a similar story with his direction, Stoller bringing a professional sheen to proceedings and stages the concert footage with a keen eye. However, aside from a clever camera shot involving Jonah Hill being injected with adrenaline, Stoller's direction is little more than basic, a case of point the camera at the action and film - it doesn't really give the movie much in the way of pace or style.

The performances are the film's highlight, with leads Brand and Hill each showing why they are so highly regarded. For the former, this is his first foray into leading man territory and he handles it with skilful aplomb.

While his performance may be the biggest acting stretch since Eminem played a white, trailer park-dwelling rapper in *8 Mile*, Brand is never less than entertaining on screen, toning down his more eccentric flights of fancy to ground Snow in the world which he inhabits. He does the whole rock star thing perfectly, capturing the arrogance and belief that everyone around him is there for him only, yet is also able to show the heart of gold we all know lies beneath.

It is a turn of great confidence from Brand, while the occasional darker moments hint that the comedian may be able to transcend his comedy roots.

Jonah Hill similarly handles his move up the cast list well, again toning down his turn and playing foil to Brand's out of control whims. Hill has been a mainstay of Judd Apatow's work and delivers an assured turn that lacks the sparkle of Brand's, but makes up for it with enthusiasm and an ability to mine the slow building anger towards Snow.

With Rose Byrne showing a hitherto unseen comedic ability in the role of Snow's on/off girlfriend Jackie Q, some clever cameos from music figures, including a hugely amusing one from Metallica drummer/enemy of Napster Lars Ulrich, you have a cast that raises chuckles if not huge laughs; but the real revelation here is Sean 'Diddy' Combs.

His foul mouthed record company boss, Sergio Roma, is outstanding, veering off into wild tangents and threatening people's minds with something far worse than control, and plays a pivotal role in the film's funniest scene, where a Las Vegas party turns into a wild night that will put any viewers off having a 'Geoffrey' unless there is a furry wall close by (watch the film and it will all make sense!).

But despite the best efforts of Brand, Hill, Byrne and Combs, *Get Him To The Greek* doesn't fulfil the promise of raising the laughs you think it would.

Stoller's script tends to move things to dark places, particularly a final act move that feels both out of place and somewhat pointless come the conclusion. While Stoller's decision to include this does offer the film some depth, it doesn't quite pay off, and you wish there more jokes to come. The result is that *Get Him To The Greek* entertains, but never quite hits the heights.

VERDICT - Amusing but only fitfully laugh-out-loud funny, *Get Him To The Greek* is livened by the turns of Jonah Hill and particularly Russell Brand, who may well be able to do this role in his sleep, but does it extremely well. Nicholas Stoller's script and direction are never more than serviceable, but the comedy stylings make this a diverting, if ultimately slight, viewing experience. *Enjoyable.*

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"He will benefit from attending a reward-based training class to help build up his confidence. He will need plenty of exercise and fun things to do to channel his energy in the right direction."

Animal action day

THE Cardiff and district branch of the RSPCA is offering local resident pet owners micro chipping and pet advice at 'Community Animal Action Day', today (July 1).

RSPCA staff, volunteers and pupils from Cowbridge Comprehensive School will be at hand in The Lesser Town Hall in Cowbridge from 10.30am - 3.30pm.

Cat and dog owners, can bring your pet along to be micro chipped, with a donation to cover costs requested.

"We would encourage local residents to take advantage of these special offers as we are only in Cowbridge for one day," Verity Huxtable, Branch Animal Welfare Officer said.

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The contest is open to anyone over the age of 14. We are looking for any type of act including speciality, vocalists, dancers, duo's, instrumentalists, etc. to perform at the Ocean Lounge where full music and lighting facilities will be available to showcase your act in the best possible professional surroundings. We are hoping for celebrity judges at our Final in order to attract substantially more media attention and we are very proud this year to be supporting and raising money for a very special charity.

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BRAINS

Out and About with The GEM

Local exchange student wins a Rotary prize!

Rotary Club president Don Carsley presents Cathrine with a new camera and £75.

BARRY Rotary Club have congratulated a young photographer who came top of 400 entrants.

Part of a series of youth competitions which Rotary runs to encourage attainment of student skills, 40 contestants entered the 'Young Photographer' competition under the leadership of teacher Sian Phillips from Barry Comprehensive School.

The theme this year was the environment, and Cathrine Minde's black and white entry, showing sand falling from a hand with the sea in the background was judged the best.

Brian Trego, one of the judges from Barry Camera Club for the competition, said it showed a remarkable ability - not only to photograph the scene - but to plan and set it up.

Cathrine's entry won not only the Barry competition, but then went on to win the South Wales event, finally coming second at the national staging.

It is also being taken forward into Europe. Unfortunately, Cathrine, an exchange student from Norway, was not able to attend the presentation at the Welsh Assembly on June 7 due to exams, but was later presented with a new camera, donated by Panasonic, and £75 by Barry Rotary Club president, Don Carsley.

Deafblind Cymru peer support group

DEAFBLIND Cymru have established a peer support group at Evergreen Hall in Bridgend, which meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 11am to 1pm.

There are speakers on audiology, from the police, fire department and Age Concern are attending to provide advice and information.

The group gives anyone with combined sight and hearing loss the opportunity to meet others, learn new skills and receive information. It welcomes new members, their carers, family or friends and also needs volunteers to help out at the group. *Contact Nerys Probert on 02920 601472 for further information.*

Friendship music Tree

THE Barry-based arts group is staging its next event under the 'Friendship Tree' in the tranquil setting of the Knap Gardens in Barry.

Share in a peaceful evening of acoustic music by Hank Hillman, on the theme of friendship.

The group also invites others to bring along any musical instruments and join in on Thursday, July 8, from 7.30pm.

For more information, contact: glyn@glynpooley.com.

Dyspraxia Group

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will take place at 7.30pm on July 5, in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

The group provides support for children with dyspraxia and their families. It is running a laptop project to support pupils with dyspraxia.

Families of young people with dyspraxia and related conditions are welcome.

'I'm backing the carers' vows Vale MP Alun Cairns

"THE huge contribution made by carers in the Vale must be recognised by the local community," Tory MP Alun Cairns stated this week.

Statistics show that 76 per cent of people looking after ill, frail and disabled loved ones do not have a life outside of their caring role, facts highlighted during this Carers Week.

The MP for the Vale added: "Three quarters of carers say they have lost touch with friends or family and four out of five are worse off financially because of their caring role.

"Sadly, there is not enough support provided for them even though they save the country untold billions. That's why I am backing the Life of My Own Campaign launched in Carers Week."

CHARITY SALE

NEW Jerusalem Church in Barry is holding a table-top sale in the church hall on July 27 at 1pm and all proceeds will be donated to Ty Hafan hospice. Telephone 01446 406197 for further details.

SCOUT JUMBLE

THE 1st Dinas Powys scout group will hold a jumble sale on July 10, at 1.30pm in the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

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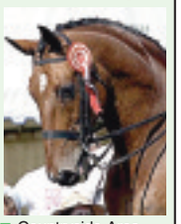

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AN assisted home ownership scheme operated by Newydd Housing Association in partnership with the Vale Council will help first-time buyers in Barry to get their feet on the property ladder.

The Homebuy scheme, which has been awarded funding from the Welsh Assembly Government, will be available in Barry's Castleland ward (excluding properties on the Waterfront development) which was declared a renewal area in April 2010 and is prioritised for regeneration.

The scheme aims to help first-time buyers who can't afford to meet the full cost of a property purchase their first home on a 'shared equity' basis.

Buyers will be expected to contribute a mortgage covering 70 per cent of the property value, which they will then own. The remaining 30 per cent equity is retained by Newydd Housing Association, with the option to purchase at a later date enabling full home ownership. No rent is payable on this 30 per cent.

Buying a property through the Homebuy scheme will still incur the normal costs associated with buying a property on the open market, including valuation and survey fees, solicitor and land registry costs, search fees and stamp duty (if applicable).

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To be eligible for the scheme, applicants must:

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- Be a UK or EU/EEA passport holder or have 'indefinite leave to remain' stamped in their passport,
- Have lived or worked in the Vale for six months,
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- Be able to meet the long-term financial commitment of home ownership but not be able to afford 100 per cent of the price of a property suitable for their need,
- Be a first-time buyer.

For more information or to apply for the scheme, please call the council's contact centre, contact OneVale, on 01446 700111 and ask for Homebuy.

Barrivale Bridge Club

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club:

June 15 – 1st, Jane Brook and Celia Thomas 63.49 per cent; 2nd, Denis Mottram and Noelle Bond 62.70 per cent, 3rd, Mark Roderick and Mike Close 61.90 per cent.

Jane and Celia also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, call 01446 733425.

PHOTO TALK

UNIVERSITY of the Third Age, Phillip John Room, Barry Library, Monday July 5: talk illustrated with photographs by Mr Bernard Brown.

COWBRIDGE THIRD TEAM ARE JUST PIPPED BY PONT

PONTARDAWE is a pleasant ground to play on, and for once the West Wales side was not relegated to an artificial strip.

The ground is surrounded by trees, with both a river and an old canal within walking distance for those of the batting side not on the field or scoring.

On this occasion, Pontardawe elected to go out into the scorching heat while Cowbridge batted. This initially looked a poor decision, as Michael Hordley set about the bowling while Jon Brazier supported him steadily from the other end after the loss of the number two.

Michael was eventually out for 35 and, with an encouraging input from Phil Graham (14) the score reached 88 for 3, Jon Brazier making 22.

From then on, apart from the welcome return of Nat Elliot Green, who also made 14, there was little batting success, and the total was only 126 all out.

Although some of the regular bowling was missing the recent discovery of new wicket-keeping talent allowed Michael Hordley to bowl through his overs without having to go behind the stumps afterwards, and in a very spirited attack he took five wickets for 33 runs.

When the opposition were on 76 for 6, with what was obviously a very young tail to come in, hopes were raised, but once again a senior player in the other side seized the game and Pontardawe lost no further wickets before they matched Cowbridge's total.

It may have been a losing game but it was played competitively to the end and the decision remained in doubt until the last few overs.

Who wants to build what and where?

*Mr David Evans – **David Evans Agricultural, Old Middle Hill, Walterston, Llancarfan** – retention of use for Barn No.1 for agricultural machinery*

*Mr McCarthy – **185 Gladstone Road, Barry** – conservatory to rear elevation,*

*Mr Wayne Roderick – **58 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge** – double storey side extension (east side).*

*Mr Chay Webb – **1 Friars Road, Barry** – proposed pitched roof side extension incorporating garage with floorspace above.*

*Mr Duncan John – **1 Cold Knap Way, Barry** – demolish dilapidated plant house/greenhouse, porch and WC. Construct single storey building.*

*Broadlands Property Investments – **1 Mill Barns, Mill Road, Boverton** – change of use of summer house to a single dwelling.*

*Mr Gwyn Jones – **3 Cambrian Avenue, Llantwit Major** – single storey side extension to kitchen.*

*The Church in Wales – **The Rectory, Llantwit Major** – works to various trees.*

*Mrs Anne Germanacos –2 **White House, Cold Knap, Barry** – installation of pc garage door to existing carport, to match existing adjacent garage door.*

*Mr A Reid – **Glenview House, Llanbethery** – proposed single storey porch to the rear elevation.*

*Mr Mark Hitchcock – **Chy Avallan, Church Road, Llanblethian** – proposed amendments to planning approval 2009/00999FUL to increase single storey extension to form kitchen and breakfast area by 1 metre.*

*Mr Heddy Navidi – **1 Mill Barn, Boverton Mill Barns, Boverton** – proposed new vehicular access and drive, together with a double garage/stable and separate double garage.*

*Mr D Ellis-Thomas – **6 Norman Cottages, Michaelston Le Pit –** fell Ash and coppice Field Maple.*

*Mrs Catriona Davies – **Mulberry House, Trerhyngyll** – erection of stables within residential curtilage.*

*Mr D Ellis Thomas – **3 Norman Cottages, Michaelston Le Pit** – fell Lawson Cypress.*

*Mr Rehaz Abdoolla – **40 High Street, Barry** – existing ground floor office to be conveted into one bedroom self–contained apartment.*

*Mr Stephen Jenkins – **6 Church Road, Penarth** – reduce in size and single storey side extension at the rear of the property.*

*Mr and Mrs Sadler – **65 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – construction of single storey rear extension and alterations to roof of existing single storey rear annexe.*

*Mr David Pegg – **78 Castle Avenue, Penarth** – retention of car port.*

*Mr and Mrs Davies – **7 Kestrel Way, Lavernock Park, Penarth** – conservatory extension to rear elevation.*

*Mr Larry Dean – **24 Clos Yr Wylan, Barry** – porch on front of house.*

*Jane Goodfellow – **1 Gelli Garn Cottage,s St Mary Hill** – proposed two storey extension to side and rear of existing house and addition of a double garage.*

*Mr John Butcher – **167 Pontypridd Road, Barry** – single storey shower room extension.*

*Emmett Wales Ltd – **land to the north west of Unit 14, Heritage Business Park, Llantwit Major** – change of use of land for seasonal agricultural workers' accommodation.*

*Mr Bernard Moser – **37 Whitcliffe Drive, Penarth** – proposed extension and balcony.*

*Mr and Mrs Stuart and Andrea Pace – **Treetops, Leckwith Road, Llandough** – proposed works to comprise an extension to first floor over existing garage and single storey extensions to rear.*

*Mr and Mrs Killick – **19 Broadway, Cowbridge** – dismantle conifer, 2-3m crown reduction to purple plum, dismantle holly.*

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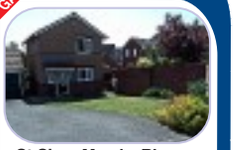

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£250,000

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TWO WINS FOR BARRY ATHLETIC UNDER-11s

ON a cold evening, Barry Athletic under-11s were the visitors at Dinas Powys.

Dinas Powys won the toss and the skipper put Barry in to bat first. Barry lost an early wicket after good fielding from Dinas, but after this there was some sensible defensive batting from both Calvin Fahiya and Lawrence Walpole, working the ball around for singles and keeping the scorecard moving.

It was important when Saul and Rhys came to the crease that they applied the same determination, and with some fine bowling from Dinas, the boys did well to only lose one more wicket. Sam and Joel increased the run rate in the middle of the innings, with Sam managing to hit three boundaries.

Joel, Calvin and Evan also managed to hit fours during a very good innings.

The best bowling performances went to Rhys, Connor, Luke and Jack L.

Best batting performances went to Sam, Calvin and Joel, all showing great technique.

The Dinas Powys innings was very steady and the game was even until a great two overs from Lawrence Walpole (with three wickets) managed to put Barry well in the driving seat.

In between, Rhys Woolmer bowled some fine line and length.

Unfortunately for the Dinas lads, once you lose some wickets you are always chasing and having to play more shots to catch up with the run rate. This was their downfall as further wickets fell to Joel, Sam Evan and Calvin.

There was also a catch for wicketkeeper Sam Hopkins and a run-out by Rhys and Lewis.

Best bowling, Lawrence three wickets for 4 runs and Joel, two wickets for 5 runs.

Both wicketkeepers performed well, with good ground fielding by Calvin and Evan.

Result: Barry won by 68 runs. Man of the match – Lawrence Walpole.

Under-11s at Cowbridge

This was a good win for Barry, after managing to score 10 boundaries in their innings of 306 – the main stars of the innings being Evan Wells and Calvin Fahiya.

There was some very good bowling by Lewis Thomas and Ieuan Moss, both taking wickets.

The Barry bowling attack looked very strong and there was a great deal of consistency in line and length.

Once again, the star man was Evan Wells taking two wickets, but also there were two cracking spells of bowling by new boys Cameron and Kieran. Both demonstrated some excellent all round skills in their first outing for the club.

Barry swimmers celebrate batch of personal bests

RIGHT: Kyle Booth, Sam Smith, Elizabeth McCulloch and Ellie Booth

RECENTLY, members of the Barry Amateur Swimming Club took part in the south east Wales regional junior development meet.

The event saw a large number of swimmers from across the area take part in a pentathlon swim over the two days. All swimmers competed in each event (freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke and individual medley).

The times from each event were added together to produce the top six swimmers in each age group.

Elizabeth McCulloch in the 10-year-old age group finished in bronze medal position after the five events, producing five personal bests and in doing so she shaved 15.81 seconds off her previous best time in the 200m freestyle with a time of 2:55:39, and in the 100m butterfly, reducing her time by more than one minute 15 seconds to produce a time a 1:45:48.

Ellie Booth (11 years) finished fourth overall in her age group, also with personal bests in her five events, notably 100m butterfly 1:42:09 reducing her previous best by 7.5 seconds.

The boys, not wanting to be outdone, produced a number of fast times. Taking part were Sam Smith (10 years) with a terrific 50m breaststroke result of 1:14:72 shaving off 20.34 seconds from his previous best.

The youngest member, Kyle Booth (eight), having to swim in the 8/9 years age group, produced a great swim in the 100m individual medley 1:57:87, taking off nine seconds from his previous best.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club. Telephone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

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KENFIG HILL TRAINER'S LATEST WIN

ON AND OFF THE TURF with BRIAN LEE

FIVE-YEAR-OLD *Benedict Spirit*, trained at Kenfig Hill by John Flint and ridden by his son Rhys, landed the Banner Marquees Maiden Hurdle (division one) at Uttoxeter on Sunday.

In doing so he beat another locally-trained horse, *Our Guardian Angel*, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin and ridden by stable jockey Richard Johnson. Benedict *Benedict Spirit,* who won by a length was a 2-1 chance.

There was another Welsh one – two when former point-to-pointer *Fealing Real*, trained by Rebecca Curtis, and ridden by champion jockey Tony McCoy, made all the running to beat *Corse Palladio,* trained by Peter Bowen.at Newton Abbot.

Tim Vaughan had a double with *Kopylova* and *Maggie Aron,* while Llancarfan's Evan Williams won the opener with *Tin Pot Man*.

Both trainers saddled winners at the Bangor-on-Dee evening meeting. Williams scoring with *Beyond* and Vaughan with *Spirit Of Adjisa*.

Earlier in the day at Southwell, Williams won with *Cannon Fire* and Vaughan with *Lady Soughton*.

These two Vale trainers have certainly made a name for themselves in the world of horse racing.

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DEDDF CYNULLUNIO GWLAD A THREF 1990

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YR ATODLENNI

ATODLEN 1

(bras amcan yw pob mesuriad)

Disgrifiad o'r rhannau o briffordd sydd i'w cau o dan y Gorchymyn hwn.

Rhan o briffordd bob pwrpas ar siâp triongl ar ochr ddwyreiniol ysgubor segur (rhan o Village Farm, Marcroes) a elwir Beach Road wrth ei chyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud gyferbyn â Castle Farm House sy'n mesur 14.6 o fetrau sgwâr a ddynodir yn ardal A ar y plan a adneuwyd.

Rhan o briffordd bob pwrpas ar siâp triongl ar ochr ogleddi-ddwyreiniol ysgubor segur (rhan o Village Farm, Marcroes) a elwir Beach Road wrth ei chyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud gyferbyn â Castle Farm House sy'n mesur 3.1 metr sgwâr a ddynodir yn ardal B ar y plan a adneuwyd.

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ATODLEN 2

Disgrifiad o'r datblygiad arfaethedig.

Trosi adeilad fferm sy'n segur yn anneddi yn Village Farm, Marcroes, Bro Morgannwg yn unol â chaniatâd cynllunio a roddwyd pan wneed apêl gan Arolygydd a benodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru ar 23 Ebrill 2008 o dan Gyfeirnod Apêl APP/2695/A/08/2063400.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAYS (BEACH ROAD, MARCROSS, LLANTWIT MAJOR, VALE OF GLAMORGAN) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers have made an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to authorise the stopping up of the areas of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

The stopping up is authorised only in order to enable the development described in Schedule 2 to this Notice to be carried out. The Order ceases to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

Copies of the Order and the deposited plan may be inspected free of charge during normal opening hours at The Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe, Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6AA or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting the Welsh Assembly Government reference CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1.

If any person desires to question the validity of the Order, or of any of the provisions contained therein, on the grounds:

a. that it is not within the powers of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; or

b. that their interests have been substantially prejudiced by a failure to comply with any of the requirements of the Act;

that person may, within 6 weeks of 1 July 2010, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

A copy of the Order and Notice can be viewed on the Welsh Assembly Government's website at www.wales.gov.uk (select: Legislation/Subordinate Legislation/Non-Statutory Instruments/Transport, Wales/TCPA Stopping Up Orders/2010).

M D BURNELL
Transport Planning & Governance Division

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

(all measurements are approximate)

Description of the areas of highway to be stopped up under this Order.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 14.6 square metres identified as area A on the deposited plan.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the north eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 3.1 square metres identified as area B on the deposited plan.

An irregular shaped area of all purpose highway on the western side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Horse Shoe Inn and measuring 267.5 square metres identified as area C on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the proposed development.

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David, Jillian and family would like to sincerely thank all those who attended Susie's funeral and Thanksgiving service at Coychurch Crematorium on June 23, and for their generous donations in lieu of flowers to Macmillan Nurses. Also, for all the support, help and genuine kindness shown by so many at this very sad time.

GRIFFITHS
Dewi
Passed away on June 28th aged just 68.
He was a loving husband to Jennifer and devoted grandfather to Gwen.
He is joining his beloved daughter Amanda. Jennifer, Gwen, his family and his many, many friends will miss him always.
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Keeping your home network safe and secure

NOBODY goes on holiday locking all the windows and leaving the front door wide open – Chris made the comment during his talk on why and how to keep a home network secure.

Do you have a network? If you have several pieces of kit connected together, yes you do.

If they are connected by cables, there is little danger of intrusion, providing your access to the internet is secure.

There are, however, many advantages to having a wireless network – apart from fewer cables.

You can use a laptop anywhere, even in the garden. Several computers can share one printer.

Files can be shared without having to copy them to an intermediate device, such as a CD or a flash drive.

But you must ensure security. Wireless transmissions can be picked up from the road outside your house just as easily as in your garden; after all, that is precisely what modern laptops are designed to do – pick up transmissions.

It is vital that your signal cannot be used unless your access code is known.

The code is set by the original manufacturer. If it is a secure code it will be fine.

If it is a standard default code, it can be known to someone who wants to hi-jack your network. It is crazy not to change it and 'leave the front door open'.

At this point, Chris reminded everyone that all equipment carries a code hard-wired into it by the manufacturer to identify the equipment precisely to other pieces of equipment that need to talk to it, including your internet access device.

Your access will also have an internet address.

All this means it is possible to identify your network as the destination of any illegal downloads.

It makes sense to protect your system to avoid being held responsible for a hacker's illegal download.

Chris then gave several tips on how to keep things safe: Every system has an administrator who sets up standard accounts for other users.

An administrator might well set up a standard account for him/herself for normal use.

In that case, if anyone should access his/her standard account, they will not be able to interfere with other accounts or with the system.

Passwords should be strong. That means impossible to guess; not birthdays, house numbers, pet's names etc.

They should include capitals and lower case letters, numbers and unusual keyboard characters such as £$%&.

They must also be memorable.

Suggestions were the number plate of a first ever car; a line of a favourite poem or a family saying.

A final note: if the kit is not switched on it cannot be hacked. If it is not being used, switch it off.

HOWARD DESMOND

Schools told to watch for 'choking' craze

SCHOOLS in the Vale have been told to look out for signs of pupils who might try a new 'craze' – which is said to involve choking each other.

The GEM was approached by a concerned mother of a 12-year-old boy who attends a school in the Vale. She reported that one day, her son came home with marks on his neck, and admitted after being questioned that he and his friends had been playing a 'dare' game.

She said that the game involved holding their breath while friends 'choked' them - to see how long they could last before passing out.

She said that they had been taught what to do by some boys from another Vale school.

She added that she had raised the issue with the headteacher at the school.

The Vale Council issued a response, and Caroline Rees, head of services for additional learning needs, said: "We have been contacted by a secondary school in the area, who advised us of a single incident, which has since been addressed.

"We are happy that the issue has been dealt with by the school, and trust that no further incidents will occur.

"We will be contacting other schools in the Vale to make them aware of the issue, and will provide advice where appropriate."

BARRY GEM SPORTS EXTRA

Stags cut loose and pass 300!

NATHAN BAKER took his Barry Athletic First XI to newly-promoted, Newbridge, in what threatened to be a tricky test for the Stags.

Steve R Jones and Lee Morgan opened the batting for the Stags and made a bright start until Jones was bowled for eight, bringing in Ian Gadd. The boundaries kept coming, although during Morgan's innings, an old groin injury came back to haunt him and the services of Steve R Jones were required again, this time as a runner.

Nathan Baker arrived late, but he was ready by the time Gadd was trapped lbw by James Morgan for 35, and he joined Morgan in the middle and immediately took the game to Newbridge.

All five batting points were claimed as the Stags made their highest score of the season.

Both players made magnificent centuries before Baker was bowled, attempting the 'Eoin Morgan flick', for a fine 101 runs from 72 balls.

New batsman, Scott Malpas, was in . . . then out for a duck, but the damage had already been done by the Stags who scored 306-4 from their 50 overs – their highest total this season.

Morgan finished on a season's best of 111 not out – a brilliant effort from the opening batsman.

After the tea session, Newbridge had to hope for a minor miracle to chase down 307. However, it didn't come as opening bowler, Peter Hellyar, trapped James Morgan lbw for just one and Steve Jones took two wickets, caught and bowled.

Billy Usswald joined in the fun, taking four wickets. Catch of the day went to Steve R Jones, for his amazing 'back-pedalling' catch from the bowling of Steve Jones.

The hard work, in the field, and some impressive bowling from Hellyar (three wickets), Usswald (four) and Jones (three) ensured that the Stags won comfortably. Newbridge were bowled out for a disappointing 164, giving the Stags another 20 points and remaining top of Division Three.

SECONDS FALL SHORT

Damon Leake's Barry Second XI entertained promotion hopefuls, Miskin Manor. Leake lost the toss, unfortunately, and was asked to field first.

The pitch was excellent and the praises go out to Ian Gadd and Glan Williams for making sure the pitch was in such fine condition.

Barry began strongly, with opening bowlers, Kelvin Williams and Andy Ellis, getting the ball to swing both ways and causing problems for the visitors.

However, Daniel Burr and Matthew Jones, saw off the openers and went after the rest of the bowling attack. With the score at 75-0, Leake was in ecstasy after claiming his first wicket this season, bowling Burr for 29.

This was soon followed by Leake striking again, with Jones being caught on the boundary (by Martin Baker), for 56.

With conditions favouring the batsmen, the Stags found it hard to break through. Even the father-son partnership of Martin and Ashley Baker failed to bring wickets.

Wickets did fall towards the end of the innings, with Ellis claiming three and Williams claiming his first ever as a Barry player. Despite this, Miskin Manor rallied to a total of 272-7 from their 50 overs.

The Stag opening partnership of Damon Leake and Ashley Baker began brightly, as Leake immediately got the Stags ahead of the run rate.

Baker was caught by Abdullah Malik, for 26 and Scott Hopkins and Martin Baker, failed to stick with Leake and were dismissed for 3 and 5, respectively.

Leake was still going strong as he passed 50 but he was running out of partners. He went all guns blazing and fired his way to a first century of the season, finishing on 131.

The destructive power of Kelvin Williams and Andy Ellis kept the Stags in with a shout of a victory until both were bowled for 10 and 14.

The rearguard performance of Lenny Weston and Tom Leake wasn't enough for the Stags as they crashed to 243 all out after 47.4 overs.

Despite this loss, the Stags claimed eight points and were left with hope of avoiding relegation, after all the sides around them had lost as well.

WALKOVER FOR THIRDS

Panteg A were unable to put together a team to play the Stags Third team, and conceded the match.

UNDER-9s AT DINAS POWYS

Under-9s coach, Peter Hellyar, took his mini-stags to Bryn-y-Don to face Lisvane, Dinas Powys and Penarth Golds in a mini-tournament.

First, Barry took on Penarth and looked impressive despite their defeat. Barry batted first and made 224. However, the performances of Wesley and Rueben weren't enough as they crashed to a 32-run defeat.

Next, they faced hosts Dinas Powys, and looked much better. An explosive display from Sam and a timed batting display from Daley had the mini-Stags finishing on 262.

Barry were made to work hard for their win though, as Dinas Powys were always in with a shout. However, the wicket-to-wicket bowling of Ben J ensured a six-run win for the mini-Stags.

Finally, they took on title favourites, Lisvane – who boast a 100 per cent record this season. Barry struggled at times due to the impressive bowling from Lisvane. But, with the batting displays of Callum and Tom, the Stags fought hard and reached 218.

However, this was nowhere near enough against a team like Lisvane, as they raced to 281, winning by 63 runs and retaining top spot in the league.

UNDER-11s

Barry Athletic under-11s played Sully Centurions under-11s. This was a big match as both sets of players had friends and school mates playing against them.

Barry won the toss and chose to bat. Adam Sylvester got an early breakthrough to put openers Sam and Calvin on the back foot, but with good defence the boys managed to keep the total going in the right direction. Kieran produced good hitting for Barry in the latter stages and the Barry total was 262 for 7 wkts.

Sully were threatening, but a big turning point was a double wicket maiden by Sam Hopkins. This put extra pressure on the big hitters. Luke and Adam Sylvester hit many boundaries but wickets fell, leaving the Sully boys falling short of the target. Finals score: Barry 262-7 beat Sully 217-14 by 45runs.

The quartet of Sam, Kieran, Evan and Rhys Woolmer were the pick of the bowlers, backed up by some great keeping from Lewis Davies. Man of the match was Sam Hopkins.

First league win for Rhoose lady bowlers

RHOOSE Bowling Club Ladies Section welcomed Barry Central to the club for their Afternoon League Match.

Rhoose were able to field a full team which definitely had an impact on the match result.

On Stella Clark's rink Rhoose made an excellent start leading by 9 shots to 1 by the 7th end.

However, Central cut back the deficit over the next 6 ends so by the 13th end the scores were level at 10 shots each.

Central then went on to win the next 4 out of 5 ends, finally winning by 17 shots to 11.

Jo Hopkins' rink made a slow start allowing Central to lead by 7 shots to 4 by the 6th end.

Rhoose then won the next 5 ends to lead by 14 shots to 7.

Central then won the next two ends but Rhoose stormed back to win the final 5 ends winning by 24 shots to 9.

Rhoose's third rink skipped by Grace Watkins also made a good start winning 7 out of the first 8 ends to lead by 16 shots to 4.

Central only managed to win 4 out of the final 10 ends losing by 13 shots to 29 .

So it was that Rhoose secured their first League match this season with a clear margin of 25 shots.

JH

Good weekend for the bowlers at Barry Athletic

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club enjoyed their best weekend of the season to date with both the first and second teams achieving outstanding victories.

The Athletic first squad cleared their opening Carruthers Shield knock-out hurdle with a comfortable 110 shots to 61 win over Gelligaer at Barry Island on Saturday, while the PG2 side stole the spotlight with a 91 shots to 74 away win at Harlequins Aberdare.

The thoroughly deserved triumph lifts the Barry club to the top of the private greens Division 2 table.

The Athletic senior team's win was anticipated with skips Chris Blake (32-12) and Glyn Thomas (32-15) clinching the overall win, but the weekend honours belonged to the club's second side after their all-round performance against leaders Harlequins.

On a difficult and fast green, the Athletic struggled in the opening ends and at one stage all four teams were trailing.

Despite the sweltering heat and tricky green, however, the visiting bowlers surprised the leaders by producing a superb second half performance.

Gareth Humphreys, losing 3-10 in the early proceedings, staged a quality comeback to win 26-16, while Billy Wright's rink collected a seven and two fives in their latest triumph (30-25).

Ivor Stevenson's rink, featuring captain Clive Phillips, Alf Pidduck and John Horgan, had a storming finale with 10 shots in the closing four ends, giving them a well-earned 20-15 win.

The Athletic's PG2 line-up now lead the table, three points clear of Harlequins and can be well satisfied with their record of five successive wins.

Scores : WBA Carruthers Shield - Barry Athletic v Gelligaer

G.Gane, D.K.Williams, G.Whittaker, D.Rees - 23, Gelligaer 13; S.McKernan, K.Harris, P.Webley, G.Thomas - 32. Gelligaer 15; D.Evans, D.Jones, C.Wright, R.Horgan - 23, Gelligaer 21; D.Snelling, B.Summerell, B.Parrish, C.Blake - 32, Gelligaer 12.

PG2 - Barry Athletic v Aberdare Harlequins:

A.Thomas, P.Clarke, D.Newman, C.Spillane - 15, Aberdare Harlequins 18; C.Phillips, A.Pidduck, J.Horgan, I.Stevenson - 20, Aberdare Harlequins 15; J.Ball, A.Mintern, J.Beanland, G.Humphreys - 26, Aberdare Harlequins 16; E.Booker, D.Coombs, G.Green, B.Wright - 30,Aberdare Harlequins 25.

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Wanderers enjoy a batting wicket

BARRY Wanderers travelled high up into the Gwent Valleys looking to consolidate their position at the top of the Division Three table against a Blaina side who were close behind in third.

The Wanderers skipper Jamie Keir delighted his teammates by informing them he had yet again lost the toss and they had been asked to field first.

A long slog loomed on what looked a fantastic batting wicket and things quickly got worse when opening bowler Will Parton injured his side bowling the very first ball of his spell.

He could only bowl a couple of overs more before he succumbed to the pain and could take no further active role in the game. On top of that, all the bowlers were bowling plenty of unnecessary wides and no-balls. All this meant that Blaina were on 72-0 aftert 10 overs without really having done much.

The introduction of James Hassett had an instant impact when he induced the edge off the dangerous Cooper with his first ball. It was gratefully snaffled by the wicketkeeper Keir and this prompted a collapse from the home side.

Gareth Hughes and Hassett combined to destroy the Blaina top order and reduce them to 121-6, with Hassett finishing with figures of 4-42 and Hughes 2-50 off their 10 overs.

The remaining batsmen, Davies and Barber, rallied and put on more than 100 for the seventh wicket. Blaina finished on 247 for seven.

Despite the Blaina recovery, the feeling in the Wanderers changing room was that the total was probably 30-40 runs below par.

The opening pair of Gareth Lanagan and Dean Thomas set out to prove the point, and batted together for a total of 33 overs. After a slightly nervous start for Thomas, who was in for the absent Sherriff, they batted with great nerve and pragmatism.

They never allowed the required run-rate to get ahead of them and they were obviously enjoying the fantastic batting conditions, showung their full repertoire of shots.

Thomas was superbly caught for a very well made 84. It was left to Lanagan and Pete Webb to knock off the rest of the runs. In these final overs, Lanagan brought up his second ton of the season.

He would finish on 110* and Webb, who was aggressive yet elegant with his strokeplay, ended unbeaten on 25. The Wanderers hit their target in the 40th over with nine wickets in hand.

The Barry Wanderers SofaSofa man of the match was Gareth Lanagan. The David Lush 'butchers fumble' went to Jamie Keir

GOOD WIN FOR SECONDS

BARRY Wanderers Seconds played Cefn Fforest Seconds on a beautiful day at Hayes Point.

However, due to numerous drop outs for a variety of reasons, the visitors turned up with just seven players. This slightly put a dampener on proceedings and Barnes put the opposition into bat, having won the toss.

The opening pair rode their luck in the early exchanges but a number of loose deliveries let extras take a prominent role. The scoreboard was ticking over, much to the frustration of the Wanderers.

However, when Banga was brought on this changed the game with dramatic effect. From a position of comfort Cefn Fforest went from 70 for 0 to 78 all out (six wickets in effect) with Banga taking 5 for 3 from 4 outstanding overs.

If the weather continues to stay dry then he will be a massive influence in the second part of the season with his chinamen.

The Wanderers had to produce sensible cricket and the fine leg boundary was taking a peppering before Denning tried one too many and was lbw for 23 useful runs.

Barnes continued in imperious form for his 44 not out, and with Matt Burgin playing a supportive role in his first game for the seconds this season, the result was never in doubt.

A loose shot from Burgin brought Ellis to the wicket and he was under strict instructions to earn maximum points and not get out.

The vice skip and skip saw the Wanderers home in the 16th over for an eight-wicket win. A much tougher battle awaits next week with Bridgend at home.

Many thanks to Mike Ashton, Gerry Richards and Jane for their sterling efforts in the kitchen and a majestic tea.

Barry Wanderers Sofa Sofa man of the match was Sandeep Banga.

ST FAGANS FRIENDLY

ON Sunday, while England were getting 'Mullered', BWCC hastily arranged a last minute fixture at the delightful setting of St Fagans.

Skipper Fenton lost two players on the way to the ground (hungover and bruised finger) so not the best start to the day.

On winning the toss, home skipper won the toss and simply didn't know what to do! He eventually chose to field in the searing heat, much to the delight of his team mates!

Hot Glamorgan seconds prospect Gethin King opened the batting with hothead Dave Johnson. The ninth ball of the innings was an indication of things to come as King smashed a short one over mid-wicket for a huge six. Johnson, joined the party with some lusty blows but soon departed for 12.

The returning Emyr John joined King and the pair promptly put on over 70 until Emyr went for a solid 12. Gethin was joined by brother Gareth and the pair had fun.

Gethin soon raced to 50 and then to a stunning 100 in the 21st over. Trying one big shot too many, and giving the other boys a game, he was stumped for 102.

Gareth continued and was joined by Fenton and they put on over 100 in 13 overs. Fenton went for a smashing 59 and Gareth soon followed with 60, Wanderers racking up a fantastic 277 off their allotted 40 overs. A great effort in the heat.

Following the best tea in south Wales, St Fagans took to their task. Fenton soon had success with keeper Wolfenden snaffling a great caught behind in the second over. Some excellent bowling all round meant that the home side were always chasing the game.

Ellis, Ian King, the mercurial – and lighter – Dave Morgan did well, as did the King juniors and Dave Johnson who was given a shout with the ball as soon as the game was won - just in case!

However, pick of the bowlers was Reno Defeo who bowled really well. He took three wickets, and St Fagans finished 69 runs short of their huge target.

A great game played in the very best spirit.

MIDWEEK LEAGUE

On Wednesday previous, BWCC entertained the feisty Cogan Chiefs in the midweek league. Cogan won the toss and elected to field – a decision that skipper Sadler would soon regret.

After the early loss of Dean Thomas, Sherriff and Aled Hughes set about the attack with great gusto, the former contributing a more than useful 39.

However, he was to be upstaged by Hughes Snr, who was at his belligerent best destroying whatever was thrown at him.

His 126 runs came off just 59 deliveries and enabled the Wanderers to post the season's biggest 20/20 score of 215. Cogan were never in it and ended up 35 runs short.

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VALE KARATE ARE NAMED 'TEAM OF THE YEAR' AT SPORTING HONOURS EVENT

ABOVE:
Guest speaker and award presenter Gareth Humphries with host Arfon Haines-Davies.

Team of the year winners, Vale Karate.

THE sporting exploits of elite athletes, up and coming stars, and coaches and volunteers in the Vale have been recognised at the county's annual 'Sports Personality of the Year' awards.

Organised by the Vale District Sports Council and supported by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, the ceremony was held at the Memorial Hall in Barry and rewarded achievements on the sporting scene during 2009.

In all, there were nine awards and the winners came from a vast array of sports, highlighting the depth and variety of sporting talent in the Vale.

In the senior awards, Barry boxer Andrew Selby added to his 'Best Welsh Boxer of the Year' title by scooping the Vale's Senior Male award, and he will be hoping for further glory when he competes at the Commonwealth Games later this year.

In the Senior Female category, Penarth resident Hannah Fisher pipped skier Alice Hales to the award for her international lacrosse success.

Sixteen-year-old swimmer Ieuan Lloyd won gold and silver medals at the European Youth Olympic Festival in July 2009, earning him the Vale's Junior Male award, while all-rounder Katie Bradbury was named Junior Female of the Year for her unique achievement of gaining international honours in two very different sports at the same time – squash and golf.

Another multi-talented athlete to collect an award was James Savory in the Disabled Sports Performer category, while Volunteer of the Year was Ann Horgan for her enthusiasm and devotion to Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club.

In the coaching categories, Suzanne Portsmouth was named Community Coach of the Year for the key role she plays at Caerau Vale Trampolining Club, while Pete Haysham's outstanding success as Men's Gymnastics Coach of the Barry YMCA and Welsh national teams saw him take the Performance Coach title.

In the final award, the hundreds of medals picked up at events all over Europe by Vale Karate during 2009 earned them the 'Team of the Year' accolade.

Delighted with the evening's success, the chair of the Vale District Sports Council, Tony Smith, said: "Everyone who was nominated for an award can be very proud of their achievements. It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge everyone's efforts, and I would also like to thank all the event and individual award sponsors for their support."

Award winners Ieuan Lloyd (Junior Male), Katie Bradbury (Junior Female) and James Savory (Disability Sport).

Among those present to hand out awards was Coun Anthony Ernest, the Vale Council's cabinet member for leisure and tourism, who said: "I would like to thank the Vale District Sports Council as the awards evening was a great success and showcased the commitment of every award winner and runner-up to their chosen sport.

"It must have been extremely difficult for the judges to select the winners, all of whom have cemented their place in the Vale's sporting history alongside heroes such as Nicole Cooke and David Davies."

FULL RESULTS LIST:
Senior Male (Award sponsored by the Community Chest scheme) – Winner: Andrew Selby (boxing); runners-up: Nathan Mullett (gymnastics) and Clinton Purnell (gymnastics).
Senior Female (Award sponsored by the Community Chest scheme) – Winner: Hannah Fisher (lacrosse); runner-up: Alice Hales (skiing).
Junior Male (Award sponsored by the Vale Children and Young People's Partnership) – Winner: Ieuan Lloyd (swimming); runners-up: Samuel Stephens (skiing), Tom Harvey (karting) and Jamie Viscount (boxing).
Junior Female (Award sponsored by the Vale Children and Young People's Partnership) – Winner: Katie Bradbury (squash and golf); runners-up: Ruby Ellis (cycling) and Bethan Moorcraft (cricket).
Disability Sport (Award sponsored by Gwyneth Lingard and Vale Allsports Club) – Winner: James Savory (talented multi-sportsman); runners-up: Shannon Rogers (swimming) and James Jones (swimming).
Volunteer (Award sponsored by the Vale of Glamorgan Training Association) – Winner: Ann Horgan (Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club); runners-up: Michael Mepham (Barry RFC Veterans) and Anne Thomas (gymnastics).
Community Coach (Award sponsored by Barry Town Council) – Winner: Suzanne Portsmouth (Caerau Vale Trampolining Club); runners-up: Fay Benningwood (Barry YMCA Gymnastics), Mike Dixon (Llantwit Major Boxing Club) and Rob Copeland (Vale Karate).
Performance Coach (Award sponsored by the Vale of Glamorgan Council) – Winner: Pete Haysham (Coach to Barry MYCA and Wales Men's Gymnastics Teams); runners-up: Ron Gurd (Colcot Boxing Club), Chris Rees (badminton coach) and Gareth Reynolds (Vale Karate).
Team (Award sponsored by South Wales Police RFC) – Winner: Vale Karate; runners-Up: Seaview RFC, Barry YMCA Men's Gymnastics Team and Barry RFC Veterans.

Performance coach of the year Pete Haysham with Leader of the Vale Council Coun Gordon Kemp (left) and Coun Anthony Ernest, Vale Council cabinet member for leisure and tourism (right).

Suzanne Portsmouth, Community Coach of the Year, with Barry Town Mayor Coun Karl Kuhnell, awards host Arfon Haines-Davies, and Gwyneth Lingard.

Mr Hall from the Vale of Glamorgan training Association presents Ann Horgan with her Volunteer of the Year award.

Cadoxton lose to old rivals Barry Athletic

CADOXTON ladies were welcomed by Barry Athletic to play in the afternoon league. The weather was fine but thankfully not too hot.

Barry Athletic lost on two rinks but won overall – four points to Cadoxton and six to the Athletic.

Rink one Cadoxton: J Pycroft, C Bentley, D Davies, P Currie 6, Barry Athletic: P House, E Stark, A Hopkins and P Jupp 31.

What a frustrating game this was for the Cadoxton ladies. In the first seven ends the ladies held their own against this very strong team.

The score 6-5 to Barry Athletic was quite reasonable, then from this point, none of the ladies could make any impression on the score.

If they did, the gain was quickly removed by the Barry Athletic ladies. After six ends, Cadoxton scored one shot but after that it was back to the frustration.

Rink two Cadoxton: J Wood, P Cox, D Evans, J Tuck 19; Barry Athletic: A Horgan, L Gatt, M Moore M Snelling 11.

Cadoxton started by gaining a three, Barry Athletic retaliated with a two on the second end.

For the next seven ends Cadoxton dominated the game and the score was 15–3 to Cadoxton on the ninth end.

Barry Athletic fought back well on ends 10-14 by scoring five shots, the score being 18-8 at this point leaving them a difficult job to catch up. Taking ends 16 and 17 for a total of three shots brought them into double figures.

Rink three Cadoxton: J Watkins, A Rees P Davies, B Osborne 18; Barry Athletic: G Kerslake, G Hawkins, P Dancy J Webber 7.

The first end went to Barry Athletic for one. Then Cadoxton took control and scored a total of 11 shots over the next seven ends.

The score at end 12 was 15-3 to Cadoxton, and Barry Athletic made a recovery by taking the next four ends for four shots. The score was 16-6 on the 15th end. This made it very difficult to catch up.

Final score: Cadoxton 43, Barry Athletic 49.

When Iwan met Tim Henman!

THE Junior section of Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club (DPLTC) have won county divisions in the following age groups:- Mini red 8, mini orange 9 and mini green 10.

Alex Vowles is having a very good season in jjunior tournament matches and for the mens third team.

Alex recently took part in the UWIC Easter Open and won the under-14 boys singles, beating Ryan James in the final 6-2, 6-2.

During the second week of the Easter holiday, he entered the Abergavenny Open and played in the boys under-14s and under-16s.

In the under-14s final, Alex beat his friend Archie Speak 6-3, 6-2.

In the under-16s, Alex had some very tough opposition but got through to the final and then beat Kristian Sully 6-4, 6-2.

More recently, Alex entered the Caerphilly Open. He won through the under-14 singles, in the semi final beating David Humphries 6-3, 6-4, and in the final beating Jay Sinnadurai 6-3, 6-4.

Also, Alex and his partner Jon Humphries won the boys under-14 doubles in a hard-fought final by 6-2, 6-4.

Iwan Meddins (six) a mini-member at DPLTC, recently won the trip of a lifetime to Wimbledon where he met Tim Henman.

Iwan was selected from try outs at the National Tennis Centre at Cardiff to attend a two-day training camp at Wimbledon.

The first day was spent having coaching from Dan Bloxham, Wimbledon's coach. All the children had to be in white, not the best colour for a 6-year-old boy!

They also had a tour of the Wimbledon complex, including Centre Court. The highlight was the second day, when Iwan was fortunate enough to play alongside Tim Henman, although Iwan did not know who he was, as he was a little before his time!

Iwan was one of the lucky few to play right next to Tim, who gave him a couple of 'high fives'.

He autographed his cap and T-shirt. It certainly was a tremendous experience!

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Second junior title for 'Wizard' Jamie

BARRY junior boxer Jamie Viscount secured his second British title at the Sheffield Arena on Saturday, June 12.

Jamie (15), who boxes for Colcot Sports ABC under the guidance of coach Wayne Gurd, knew the size of the task in front of him in the form of James Foster (Retford),but Foster did not bargain on meeting Jamie 'The Wizard' Viscount from Barry in the final.

Foster came out in the first round throwing hard shots trying to stamp his authority, but the first round went to Jamie 4-2.

The second round saw Foster trying to unsettle the elusive Barry boxer. Jamie started to slip Foster's counter jabs and took the second round.

The third round saw Foster coming out of his corner with all guns blazing, but Jamie stuck to his task.

Jamie came out the victor winning a 20-12 points decision over a worthy English champion.

After the contest Jamie stated "I am dedicating this title to my trainer's wife, Joan Gurd, who sadly passed away last August, Joan was a diamond and the backbone of our club".

Coach Wayne Gurd said that Jamie is a credit to the club and to Barry. His dedication to the sport of boxing is inspiring and he will go on to achieve great things.

Colcot Sports ABC would like to thank New Broad Street Motors and Russell Carter for their sponsorship this year.

Yacht Club's open day

ABOVE: Barry Yacht Club push the boat out.

THE annual open day at Barry Yacht Club attracted 26 people to have a go at sailing on Saturday June 19.

Club members offered the chance to set sail in the Bristol Channel on cruising yachts manned to provide a taster of the pleasures of sailing.

The club offers opportunities for non-boat owners and those with their own craft and also dinghy sailing with a wide programme of training courses, as well as a variety of social events throughout the year.

Based at The Pier Head Docks on Barry Island, Barry Yacht Club is regarded as offering the best sea sailing facilities in the Bristol Channel.

The not-for profit club was established in 1928. It currently has over 250 members from all parts of the Vale and Cardiff, attracting yachtsman from as far afield as Bristol and Birmingham.

Commenting on the open day Howard Metcalfe, the Club's Commodore said: "It was great to see new people find out about the sailing opportunities and the excellent club facilities for those who just want to be social members."

Lining up to bowl for Wales

From left: Paul Taylor (Bridgend), Chris Blake (Barry Athletic), Glyn Thomas (Barry Athletic), Alun Hodges, Alex Meddins (Dinas Powys), Robert Horgan (Barry Athletic). Missing from the picture Jason Greenslade (Dinas Powys).

VALE of Glamorgan Bowling Association team manager Alun Hodges (Dinas Powys) with five of the six Vale players who have been selected to represent Wales in the forthcoming home international series against England, Scotland and Ireland at Worthing.

The players carry on a fine tradition of Welsh international honours from local clubs.

Squad plans unusual ascent of Snowdon

A GROUP of Barry rugby players are planning to walk up Mount Snowdon – but with their own special twist!

Rather than start from the foot of the north Wales mountain, a team from Sea View RFC are going to start their 'ascent' from Barry Island – leaving them with five of walking just to get there!

Sea View is the newest WRU-recognised rugby club in Wales, and the club has just finished its first full playing season.

Club captain Leon Ford and some stalwart members of the rugby club are organising a charity event to raise money for the Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal, and also Help for Heroes.

Leon said; "We will be walking from Barry Island to the summit of Mount Snowdon over six days and would sincerely appreciate your support!

"We start the event on Sunday, July 25, and we aim to reach the summit of Snowdon on Saturday, July 31, and we have now started collecting for the event.

"Please take a moment to visit *www.justgiving.com/SeaViewRFC*

"We would appreciate it if you could ask others to do the same."

He added: "Please dig deep and help our servicemen and servicewomen have a better future."

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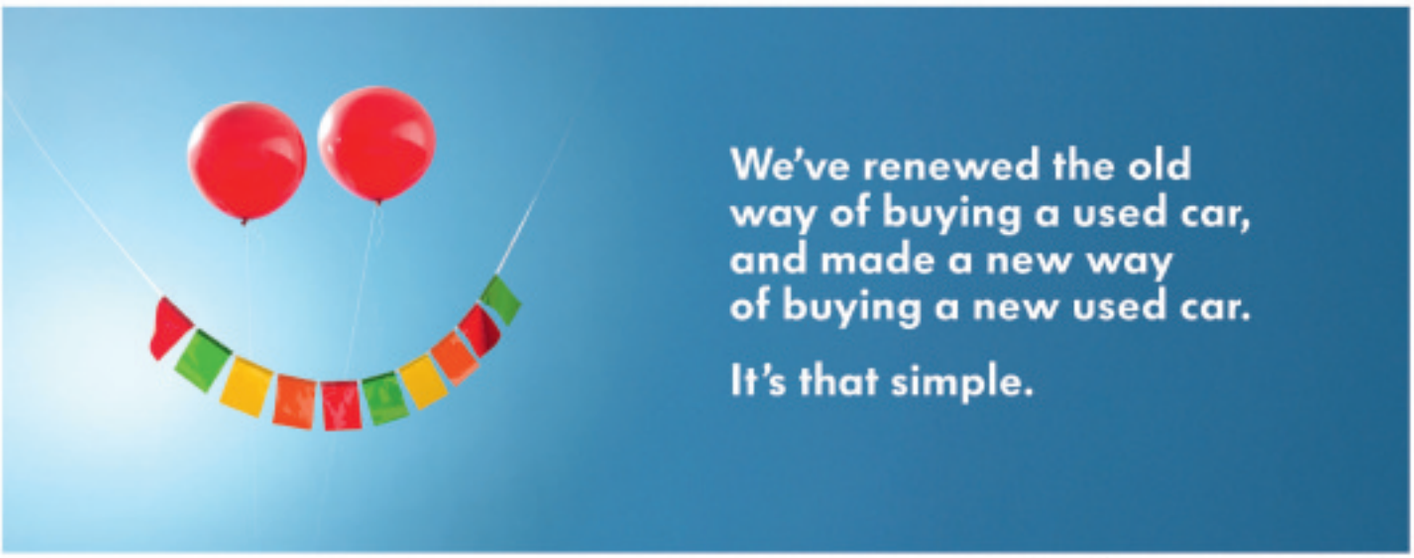

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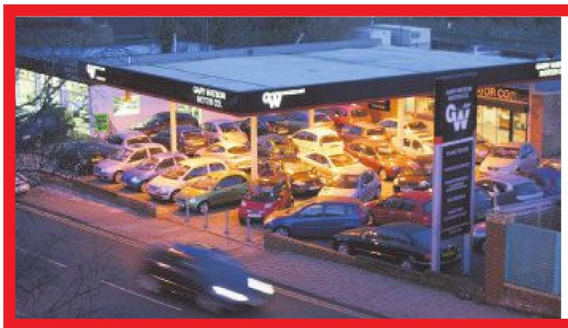

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After the tour...
MUCH TO PONDER, AS WELSH RUGBY TAKES A BREATHER

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

'Once again, this frustrating young Welsh team were partly the architects of their own downfall, faulty execution proving costly at critical junctures and the lack of a totally ruthless edge was in stark contrast to far more streetwise opponents who typically grabbed every scoring opportunity that came their way…'

THAT is what I wrote in my summing up of the 42-9 defeat to New Zealand in the first Test at Carisbrook – and in essence, it was much the same story in the 29-9 second Test defeat at Hamilton on Saturday, with Welsh indiscipline the added contributing factor.

It was bad enough seeing their influential captain Ryan Jones leave the field injured at Waikato, but to be reduced to 14 men for a quarter of the match through two yellow cards gave the Welsh underdogs a well nigh impossible task – even against Graham Henry's reshuffled All Blacks, who showed seven changes from the one-sided first Test.

In fairness, an eager Wales side showing two changes of their own – 20-year-old Osprey Dan Biggar in for Stephen Jones at outside half and Scarlets' Jonathan Davies at centre – again got off to a very promising start, Leigh Halfpenny sending over a howitzer of a penalty to grab the lead inside two minutes.

This was promptly negated by that all too familiar thorn in the Welsh side, outside half Dan Carter, who landed the first of five penalties, which with a conversion, would take his match tally to 17 points (to add to the 25 he amassed in the first Test!)

At Dunedin, Wales had appeared to run out of steam after the interval, despite achieving parity for much of the first half (to head coach Warren Gatland's undisguised chagrin) and as a result, New Zealand had run amok, racking up 27 unanswered points.

This time, though, a redoubled Welsh effort held firm for the whole duration, most notably in the scrum led by the indomitable Adam Jones, who had a point to make to former Wales coach Steve Hansen (now Henry's No 2).

For once the men in black appeared discomfited – until the usual Welsh propensity for ill-timed errors began to surface, resulting in missed opportunities and lost possession at the contact and breakdown areas, where wily Richie McCaw was again the wrecker-supreme, as ever blissfully immune to official sanction!

Mind you, he was not alone in that: While in no sense belittling New Zealand's deserved exalted status at the top of the world rugby tree, there are times when it seems that referees have collective blurred vision where silver fern transgressions are concerned that do not always apply to the rest.

Even so, it had no real bearing on the outcome of the two-Test series Down Under, which underlined just how much further Gatland's men have yet to travel before they seriously threaten a Kiwi supremacy stretching back to 1953 – the Queen's coronation year – the third (*and last*) time Wales have triumphed in 27 clashes between the two nations.

The pragmatic former All Black implicitly acknowledged this by setting his team the minimal goal of a passionately-committed performance for the whole 80 minutes, to at least win the "respect" of his homeland.

In this at least, the pre-tour target was surely achieved, for in terms of unflinching, all-out effort the entire Welsh squad could not be faulted, showing a never-say die spirit and pride in the red shirt, that (unlike the hapless England football team) enabled them to return home with their heads held high.

While the Welsh camp can point to this and other plus factors that will stand young players in good stead for the future, the reality is that the records will merely show that they were well beaten – by opponents who never really needed to hit top gear.

To put it in sober context, Hansen was afterwards quoted as saying that the All Blacks would now turn their attention to the "big boys" (in the Tri-Nations).

With Gatland's focus, as always, firmly on next year's looming Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, the Six Nations will be crucial in honing his squad to a strategy that will give Wales the best chance of success in the competition.

The signs are there that Wales are slowly assembling a pack more than able to hold their own up front and supply the quick ball to talented backs on which Welsh play traditionally depends.

Who knows, there could yet be a role for sadly-neglected scrum half Dwayne Peel to provide those extra vital seconds needed to inject pace into the attack from the base of the scrum – and then, of course, there is also the No 10 conundrum!

So, plenty for Gatland & Co to ponder on, as everyone now takes a short breather before the whistle sounds for the start of a long, hard season in which World Cup glory is the glittering distant prize.

CADOXTON BOWLS REPORT
Big win at home against Rumney

CADOXTON completed a very satisfying home success against Rumney.

'Nunky' Brown's rink is still leading the way and have settled into a tight knit combination, which hopefully will continue for the future.

During this match they dropped shots in just five ends, while amassing a total of 41 shots.

The rink skipped by Don Kuhnell stormed into a 15-3 lead, but a slack five ends brought the opposition within two shots.

However, that was as close as they got, as six of the last seven ends went in favour of the home side.

Howard Craven made his debut as skip in the club side, and completed another good win for the home team.

His rink took an early lead, reaching 16-3 before the opposition made a partial recovery and finally finished just three shots behind.

On the final rink skipped by Kelvin Chedgzoy, the visitors held the lead throughout, but were not allowed to make much of a dent on the aggregate score.

T Bishop, S Pycroft, J Davies, K Chedgzoy, 12 – 20 ; P Ellis, H Hellyar, G Jones, D Kuhnell, 24 – 14; A Brown, D Evans, A Hatcher, G Brown, 41 - 6; D Tuck, W Vaughan, D Brook, H Craven, 19 – 16.

Final score: 96 – 56.

Cadoxton A v Llantwit Major A – friendly.

The A side had a week off from league fixtures and played a friendly against Llantwit Major A. Three rinks were well beaten, with just one success from the rink skipped by Graham Garland.

They will be hoping to get back to winning ways next week against fellow front runners in the league, Splott Phoenix

G Solomon, I Dunbar, L Little, J Stewart, 15 – 15; S Clarke, V Bryant, I Robertson, G Garland, 23 – 20; R Knight, K Tanner, M Curtis, A Carpenter, 9 – 35; D Collard, S Clements, G Davies, R Harding, 17 – 28.

Final score: 59 – 108.

Cadoxton v Dinas Powis - Munro Cup.

The home Munro Cup fixture against Dinas Powis brought little satisfaction for Cadoxton, with defeats on all rinks.

Two rinks were fairly close to winning but failed in the closing ends. The rink skipped by Don Kuhnell, took an early 7-1 lead and at half way were still in command 11-3.

From this point a recovery was made by the visitors and they managed to get the winning shot with the last bowl of the game.

Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink also held the ascendancy until half way, but a four and two took this away. However, they fought back to regain the lead with a three-shot lead.

The next two ends brought the scores level going into the final end, when a further three shots were conceded.

Howard Craven skipped his rink against strong opposition and struggled to keep in touch. A five and four against during the game did not help the cause.

Alan Carpenter's rink also struggled with a six and five against which made up most of the 15-shot deficit.

B Knight, P Ellis, G Jones, D Kuhnell, 13 – 14 ; G Solomon, D Evans, J Stewart, H Craven, 9 – 24; S Clements, G Davies, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy, 15 – 18; D Collard, J Sugden, W Vaughan, A Carpenter 14 - 29.

Final score: 51 –85. **DK**

Bowlers move top with win

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club's A team entertained Cyfarthfa Bowling Club at Romilly Park.

Their opponents were current leaders of this division and Romilly expected a tough match.

Romilly won just one rink, skipped by Alf Woolcock, whose 31 shots to 11 win secured the 83-81 aggregate and the 8 points to 6 match win.

Bryn Gough's rink of Des Bannister, J Coles and K Westgate had a strong game. They scored a nice 5 on the eighth end, were up 15 shots to 6 after 10 ends and up 21 shots to 9 after 15 ends.

However, their opponents rallied, and scored 13 shots over the final 6 ends for a dramatic turnaround, to win the rink 21 shots to 22.

Bob Wyatt's rink of R Blueit, C Davies and P Denley also had a strong game and were up 11 shots to 8 after 10 ends and level at 15-15 after 17.

However, once again their opponents rallied and finished the stronger for a 16 shots to 20 win.

C Collins' rink of Vince Mcfarland, T Bloomfield and P Gershenson drew the short straw and were always behind this strong Cyfarthfa four.

Romilly did finish on a strong note over the final 6 ends to reduce the margin of their opponents victory, 15 shots to 28.

Alf Woolcock's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and G Rees were the hot shots of the match and overwhelmed their opponents.

They were 11 shots to 6 up after 10 ends, 18 shots to 9 up after 15 ends and finished even stronger for a 31 shots to 11 win, which also secured the match aggregate.

Team captain Peter Hoad expressed his pleasure for the team's contribution and their efforts in reaching joint leadership of the division halfway through the season.

RH

Barry RFC's under-16s invite

BARRY RFC under-16s are starting training on Sunday, July 4 at 10.30am to 12pm, at the Reservoir Fields.

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